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Conference Officers.

Bishop James M. Thoburn	*President.*
F. H. Morgan	*Secretary and Treasurer*
B. F. VanDyke	*Statistical Secretary.*

Conference Boards.

Auditing Committee.—H. L E. Luering, S. H. Wood, W. T. Kensett, J. M. Hoover, E. S. Lyons.

Deaconess Board:—F. H. Morgan, Mrs. West, Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Buchanan, Miss Blackmore, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Denyes, B. F. West, W. G. Shellabear.

Examining Board:—F. H. Morgan, B. F. West, H. L. E. Luering, W. G. Shellabear, G. F. Pykett.

Finance Committee:—*President*, Bishop J. M. Thoburn.
Ex-officio, B. F. West, W. G. Shellabear, F. H. Morgan.
Elective Members, H. L. E. Luering, G. F. Pykett, J. R. Denyes, W. T. Cherry.

Financial Board:—W. G. Shellabear, F. H. Morgan, B. F. West, C. C. Kelso, J. Polglase, Esq., J. E. Banks.

Triers of Appeals:—H. L. E. Luering, F. H. Morgan, W. T. Kensett, W. E. Horley, G. F. Pykett, Ling Ching Mi.

Standing Committees.

Education:—W. G. Shellabear, G. F. Pykett, F. H. Morgan, E. S. Lyons.

Publishing:—F. H. Morgan, B. F. West, H. L. E. Luering, W. G. Shellabear.

Sunday Schools:—H. L. E. Luering, G. F. Pykett, S. H. Wood. B. F. VanDyke.

Public Morals:—F. H. Morgan, B. F. West, J. R. Denyes, J. M. Hoover.

Conference Relations:—H. L. E. Luering, F. H. Morgan, G. F. Pykett, Ling Ching Mi.

Public Worship:—Presiding Elders and local Pastors.

Tract Work:—G. F. Pykett, J. R. Denyes, W. T. Cherry.

State of the Church:—J. R. Denyes, E. S. Lyons, J. M. Hoover.

Name.	Home Conference.	Admitted on Trial.	Joined Malaysia Mission.	What Year of Conference Course now Studying.	Vernacular.	In what Year of Vernacular Study.	Present Address.
Abraham, S. ...	Malaysia	1900	1900	1	Tamil	*	Kuala Lumpur.
Amery, A. J. ...	Malaysia	1895	1894	*	Hokkien Chinese	2	On leave in America.
					Malay	3	
Banks, J. E. ...	Malaysia	1896	1895	*	Malay	3	,, ,,
Cherry, W. T. ...	Troy	1898	1900	3	Malay	1	Singapore, S. S.
Curtis, W. E. ...	Malaysia	1900	1896	1	Hokkien Chinese	3	Thaipeng.
					Malay	3	
Denyes, J. R. ...	Malaysia	1898	1898	3	Malay	3	Singapore, S. S.
Horley, W. E. ...	Malaysia	1894	1894	*	Malay	2	On leave in America.
					Hakka Chinese	2	
Hoover, J. M. ...	Malaysia	1900	1899	1	Malay	1	Penang.
Kensett, W. T. ...	Bengal	1890	1888	*	Hokkien Chinese	*	Kuala Lumpur, Selangor.
					Malay	2	
Laû Seng Chong ...	Malaysia	1896	1897	4	Hokkien Chinese	*	Malacca, S. S.
Ling Ching Mi. ...	Foo Chow		1897	*	Chinese	*	Singapore, S. S.
Luering, H. L. E. ...	Germany	1887	1889	*	Malay	*	Ipoh, Perak.
					Hokkien Chinese	*	
Lyons, E. S. ...	Rock River	1899	1900	4	Malay	1	Singapore, S. S.
Morgan, F. H. ...	Maine	1889	1895	*	Malay	2	Singapore, S. S.
					Tamil	1	
Ông Oa Laî ..	Malaysia	1900	1900	1	Chinese	*	Penang.
Pykett, G. F. ...	Malaysia	1893	1891	*	Malay	*	Penang, S. S.
					Tamil	1	
Shellabear, W. G. ...	Bengal	1890	1890	*	Malay	*	Singapore, S. S.
					Hokkien Chinese	1	
Van Dyke, B. F. ...	Malaysia	1900	1900	1	Malay	1	Singapore, S. S.
West, B. F. ...	Bengal	1888	1888	*	Malay	*	Penang, S. S.
					Hokkien Chinese	*	

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Appointments of the Malaysia Mission Conference.

Penang District.

B. F. WEST, P. E. (P. O.—Penang).

BATU GAJAH, ...	To be supplied.
BUKIT MERTAJAM, ...	Supplied by Keh Ek.
IPOH, ...	H. L. E. Luering.
„ *Tamil*, ...	Supplied by P. Kuppusami.
„ *Chinese*, ...	„ „ Li Kin Shin.
„ *Anglo-Chinese School*, ...	S. H. Wood, Lay Missionary.
KLANG, ...	Supplied by Tùi Ah.
KULIM, ...	„ „ Bun Ah Toan.
KUALA KUBU, ...	To be supplied.
KUALA LUMPUR, ...	W. T. Kensett.
„ *Tamil*, ...	Samuel Abraham.
„ *Chinese*, ...	To be supplied.
NIBONG TBAL, ...	Supplied by Giâm Ah Chiám.
PENANG.—*Anglo-Chinese School*, ...	G. F. Pykett, *Principal*,
	J. M. Hoover,
	Lee Teng Hwee, Lay Missionary.
„ *Chinese*, ...	Ong Oan Lâi.
„ *English*, ...	B. F. West.
„ *Tamil*, ...	G. F. Pykett.
TELUK ANSON, ...	To be supplied.
	J. Gnanasihamany, supply.
THAIPENG.—*Chinese work*, ...	W. E. Curtis.
Theological School, ...	B. F. West.
Supernumerary, ...	J. A. Amery.
Absent on furlough, ...	W. E. Horley.

Philippine Islands District.

PRESIDING ELDER—To be supplied.

MANILA.—*English Church*, ...	To be supplied.
„ *Spanish work*, ...	„ „
„ *Educational work*, ...	„ „
„ *Soldiers' and Seamen's Institute*	Mrs. E. A. Prautch.
ILOILO.—	To be supplied.

Singapore District.

W. G. SHELLABEAR, P. E. (P. O.—Singapore.)

MALACCA, ... Lau Seng Chong.
SINGAPORE.—*Anglo-Chinese School*, E. S. Lyons, *Principal.*
„ „ ... J. R. Denyes.
„ „ ... B. F. VanDyke.
SINGAPORE.—*Anglo-Chinese School*, C. S. Buchanan.
Chinese Mission, ... Ling Ching Mi.
English Church, ... F. H. Morgan.
Malay Church, ... J. R. Denyes.
Publishing House, ... W. T. Cherry, Agent.
Tamil Mission, ... F. H. Morgan.
„ „ ... ... Simon Peter, Supply.
On Furlough, ... John E. Banks.

Women's Conference.

Penang District.

IPOH, ... Mrs. Luering.
PENANG.—*Girls' Schools*, ... Miss Martin.
Chinese Work, ... Mrs. West.
Tamil Work, ... Mrs. Pykett.
Evangelistic Work, ... Miss Martin.
KUALA LUMPUR, ... Mrs. Meek.
THAIPENG, ... Mrs. Curtis.

Philippine Islands District.

MANILA.—*Schools*, ... Miss Wisner, Miss Doty.
Medical Work, ... Mrs. Norton, M.D.
Evangelistic Work, ... Mrs. Moots.

Singapore District.

SINGAPORE.—*Supt. of Deaconess Home*, Miss Blackmore.
Acting Superintendent „ „ Miss Lilly.
English and Tamil Work, ... Mrs. Morgan.
Evangelistic Work, ... Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Cherry.
Malay Church, ... Mrs. Denyes.
Methodist Girls' School, ... Miss Lilly.
Teluk Ayer Schools, ... Miss Hemingway.

JOURNAL OF DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Opening Exercises.—The Malaysia Mission Conference met in the English Church, Singapore, Saturday 17th February, at 2.30 p.m., Bishop James M. Thoburn presiding.

The conference opened with a scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. F. W. Warne, of the Bengal-Burma Conference, after which the Secretary of the last conference was directed to call the roll and the following answered to their names; J. E. Banks, J. R. Denyes, W. E. Horley, W. T. Kensett, H. L. E. Luering, F. H. Morgan, W. G. Shellabear, and B. F. West.

Organization.—F. H. Morgan was elected Secretary and Conference Treasurer, and B. F. VanDyke Statistical Secretary.

Transfer.—The Bishop then announced the transfer of William T. Cherry, from the Troy Conference, as a probationer in the studies of the second year, and Ernest S. Lyons, from the Rock River Conference, as a probationer in the studies of the third year. Brother and Sister Cherry, B. F. VanDyke, J. M. Hoover, S. Abraham and Mrs. Meek were then introduced to the Conference.

Bishop's Address.—The Bishop then addressed the Conference, stating briefly the condition of his health and the imperative orders of his physician that he refrain from work as much as possible. He would therefore call upon Rev. F. W. Warne, of the Bengal-Burma Conference, to preside at the conference sessions. He referred to the rapidly opening doors and the marvellous spread of our work, the stress upon the Missionary Society, and in glowing words prophesied the glorious victory that awaits the church, as she realizes opportunities and embraces them. Rev. F. W. Warne then took the chair.

Thirteenth Question.—The thirteenth question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was then taken up.

The name of B. F. West, Presiding Elder of the Penang District, was called, his character passed, he reported his collections, and read his report.

The name of W. E. Horley was called; his character was passed, he reported his collections and his work.

The name of W. T. Kensett was called; his character was passed he reported his collections and his work.

The name of G. F. Pykett was called; his character was passed, the Presiding Elder reported his collections and his work.

The name of A. J. Amery was called; his character was passed and his Presiding Elder reported him.

The name of W. G. Shellabear, Presiding Elder of Singapore District, was called, his character was passed and he read his report.

The name of H. L. E. Luering was called; his character was passed and he reported his collections and work.

The name of F. H. Morgan was called; his character was passed and he reported his work and collections.

The name of Ling Ching Mi was called; his character was passed and he reported his work and collections.

Hours of Conference Session.—On motion of H. L. E. Luering, the hours of conference sessions were fixed from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily.

Changes in Committees.—The name of W. E. Horley was substituted for that of G. F. Pykett on the Committee on Education; Miss Martin for C. Egland, and J. R. Denyes for G. F. Pykett, on the Committee on Sunday schools; and the name of J. M. Hoover for that of G. F. Pykett on the Committee on Tract Work.

Theological Training Schools.—B. F. West moved that a committee of three be appointed to consider the question of Theological Training Schools; Brother West spoke very earnestly on the need of such schools, and B. F. West, J. R. Denyes and W. G. Shellabear were made the committee.

Press Correspondent.—On motion of H. L. E Luering, W. G. Shellabear was appointed correspondent for the local press.

Adjournment.—On motion of W. G. Shellabear, it was voted that when conference adjourn, it be to meet again at 8 p.m.

The announcements were then made, the doxology sung, and conference adjourned.

Evening Session.

Opening Exercises.—Conference convened at 8 o'clock, Rev. F. W. Warne in the chair. E. S. Lyons led the devotional services.

Journal.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Conference Bar.—On motion of B. F. West, the third row of seats from the front was made the conference bar.

Rules of Order.—On motion of B. F. West, the rules of order on the sixth page of last year's minutes were made the rules for the present session.

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Seventh Question.—The seventh question, "Who have been admitted into full membership?" was taken up. The names of Lau Seng Chong, John R. Denyes, and William T. Cherry were called, and the usual disciplinary questions were asked.

The character of Laû Seng Chong was passed; examinations were satisfactory, and he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year, admitted to full membership, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The character of John R. Denyes was passed; examinations were satisfactory and he was advanced to the studies of the third year and received into full membership.

Eleventh Question.—The eleventh question was asked, "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?"

The name of Paul Kuppusami was called, and he was represented by Bro. Horley, after which he was elected to Local Deacon's orders

Twelfth Question.—Question twelve, "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was asked.

(*a*) As Local Deacon, Simon Peter; his case was represented by F. H. Morgan, and on recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, he was elected to Local Elders' orders.

(*b*) Under Missionary Rule, J. R. Denyes, W. T. Cherry, and E. S. Lyons were elected to Elders' orders.

Statistics.—On motion of B. F. West, it was voted that the statistics to be published in our minutes be made up for the period, Feb. 1st to Jan. 31st inclusive.

Adjournment.—On motion of W. G. Shellabear it was voted that after the announcements are made we adjourn; the doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced by W. T. Kensett, and the conference adjourned.

Monday, 19th February.

Opening Exercises.—Conference met at 7 a m., Rev. F. W. Warne in the chair. B. F. VanDyke conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.—The minutes were read and approved.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. The name of James M. Hoover was called, his examinations were reported as satisfactory, the Committee on Conference Relations reported favourably, and he was admitted on trial.

The name of W. E. Curtis was called; the Examining Committee expressed themselves as satisfied with the examination of his Presiding Elder, the Committee on Conference Relations recommended him and he was admitted on trial.

The name of Ong Oa Lai was called; his Presiding Elder reported him, the Examining Committee and Conference Relations Committee reported favourably, and he was admitted on trial.

The name of B. F. VanDyke was called; examinations satisfactory; the Committee on Conference Relations reported favourably, and he was admitted on trial.

The name of S. Abraham was called; on motion of B. F. West, he was admitted on trial under provision of paragraph 154 section 2 of the Discipline, his ordination being recognized as equvalent to our ordination as Deacon.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was asked. The name of Christopher Egland was called; his Presiding Elder stated that he had left the Mission, and moved his discontinuance; he was discontinued.

The name of Silas Saleh was called, and on motion of W. G. Shellabear, his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The name of J. E. Banks was called, and he was credited with having passed in the studies of the fourth year, and at his own request was continued on trial.

Third Question.—Question three was taken up, and the name of S. Abraham was called, his ordination being recognized as equivalent to our ordination as Deacon.

Fifteenth Question.—The fifteenth question was asked, "Who have died?" The reply being "None," the conference rose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," after which B. F. West led in prayer.

Twenty-Second Question.—The twenty-second question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was answered by a motion of B. F. West, granting A. J. Amery a supernumerary relation to attend one of our schools in America.

Board of Church Location.—B. F. West raised the question of the authority of the Board of Church Location, and it was followed by some discussion. No action was taken, but it was felt that in future no church should be built without the approval of the Board as to site.

Adjournment.—On motion of B. F. West, it was voted that the conference should adjourn after the announcements had been made. The announcements were accordingly made, and adjournment followed.

TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

Opening Exercises.—Conference met at 7 a.m., Rev. F. W. Warne in the chair. W. E. Horley conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.—The minutes were read and after correction were approved.

Seventh Question.—The seventh question was resumed, and the name of William T. Cherry was called; the reports of the Committees on Examination and Conference Relations were favourable, and he was admitted to full membership.

Correction.—On motion of B. F. West, it was voted that the heading of the column showing the vernacular studies on page four of the minutes of last year, be changed so as to read, "In what year of vernacular study."

Publication of Minutes.—On motion of B. F. West, the Agent of the Press and the Conference Secretary were appointed a Committee on Publication of the Minutes.

On motion of B. F. West, C. S. Buchanan was appointed to canvass for subscriptions for the Minutes.

Committee on Nomination.—On motion of J. R. Denyes it was voted that the Presiding Elders be appointed a Committee on Nomination of Standing Committees.

Corresponding Secretary.—On motion of B. F. West, F. H. Morgan was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Statistical Secretary.—On motion of W. T. Kensett, B. F. VanDyke was elected Statistical Secretary, and J. M. Hoover assistant.

Correspondents.—On motion of W. G. Shellabear, the correspondents for the home papers were appointed as below.

Kristelige Talsmanden *Christliche Apolegete* *Evangelist*	H. L. E. Luering.
Missionary News	G. F. Pykett.
Christian Advocate	F. W. Warne.
Zion's Herald	F. H. Morgan.
Gospel in all Lands	W. T. Kensett.
Pittsburg Advocate	J. E. Banks.
Central ,,	B. F. West.
Northwestern ,,	J. R. Denyes.
Michigan ,,	E. S. Lyons.
Western ,,	B. F. West.
Pacific ,,	B. F. VanDyke.
Northern ,,	W. T. Cherry.
India Witness	H. L. E. Luering.
World-Wide Missions	C. S. Buchanan.

Board of Church Location.—On motion of H. L. E. Luering, the nomination of the Board of Church Location was referred to the Finance Committee, who shall submit the nominations to the conference for election.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary submitted a partial report, which was accepted, and J. E. Banks was appointed to assist him in its completion.

Committee on Resolutions.—On motion of H. L. E. Luering, the presiding officer was asked to appoint a Committee on Resolutions, which he agreed to do between sessions.

Adjournment.—On motion of B. F. West, it was voted that after the announcements conference adjourn. Announcements were made, the doxology sung, the benediction pronounced by E. S. Lyons, and adjournment followed.

WEDNESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY.

Opening Exercises.—Conference assembled at 7 a.m., Rev. F. W. Warne in the chair. J. R. Denyes conducted the devotional exercises,

Journal.—The minutes were read and approved.

Certificate of Ordination.—The secretary read the following certificate of ordination;

"This is to certify that I have this day, assisted by Elders, ordained the following persons to the office of Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church:—William T. Cherry, John R. Denyes, Ernest S. Lyons, Simon Peter.

Also, I further certify that I have this day ordained Laû Seng Chong and Paul Kuppusami to the office of Deacon in said church.

J. M. THOBURN.

SINGAPORE, FEB. 18, 1900.

Committee on Education.—W. G. Shellabear presented the report of the Committee on Education, and it was adopted.

Deaconess Board.—F. H. Morgan presented the report of the Deaconess Board and it was accepted.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—H. L. E. Luering presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and it was adopted.

Committee on Public Morals.—W. T. Kensett presented the report of the Committee on Public Morals, and on motion of W. G. Shellabear it was recommitted.

Publishing Committee.—F. H. Morgan presented the report of the Committee on Publishing and it was adopted.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary presented his further report; on motion of B. F. West he was instructed to fill all blanks, where this year's figures are not obtainable, with the figures of last year, proper attention being called to the fact by a foot-note. The report as a whole was then adopted.

Course of Study.—On motion of W. G. Shellabear the Examining Committee was appointed to recommend to the Bishop certain changes desired in the Malay course of studies for missionaries.

Committee on Resolutions.—The presiding officer nominated as a Committee on Resolutions, B. F. West, W. G. Shellabear, F. H. Morgan, and W. E Horley; they were elected.

Auditors' Reports.—H. L. E. Luering presented the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was accepted.

Your Committee have audited the books of the Mission Treasurer, the Financial Board. the Singapore Anglo-Chinese School and the Penang Anglo-Chinese School, which were found correct.

The Presiding Elders reported having audited the accounts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and found all correct.

Adjournment.—On motion of B. F. West, conference voted to adjourn after the announcements are made, to meet again at three o'clock.

Announcements were made, the doxology sung, the benediction pronounced by F. W. Warne, and conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening Exercises.—Conference convened at 3 p.m., Rev. F. W. Warne in the chair. W. T. Kensett conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.—The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.—The treasurer presented his report and it was accepted.

Theological Schools.—B. F. West presented the report of the Committee on Theological Schools and it was adopted.

Introduction.—Mr. R. Laidlaw, of Calcutta, was introduced to the conference, and made a few remarks.

Resolutions.—B. F. West presented the following from the Committee on Resolutions, and it was adopted.

Whereas the Malaysia Mission Conference has now twelve effective members and six probationers, and a new Presiding Elder's District, the Philippine Islands having been added to this conference, therefore

Resolved:—That we respectfully memorialise the approaching General Conference, to be held in the city of Chicago, Ill., U.S.A., in the month of May, 1900, to renew or extend the enabling act of four years ago, whereby the Malaysia Mission Conference may be organized into an Annual Conference whenever it shall have the required number of effective members.

The same committee also presented the following:—

Resolved:—That paragraph six of the report of the Education Committee for 1898, under which the executive committees of our schools now work, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:—"An Executive Committee of not more than five members, a majority of whom shall be members of the mission, shall be elected

for each of our Anglo-Chinese Schools, and that the entire financial affairs of the schools, but none others, be under the control of the respective committees. These committees shall be required to present to the conference at each yearly session an exact and detailed statement of the receipts and expenses of the preceding year, and the then financial condition of the school under their charge. Each committee shall consist of the Presiding Elder of the District where the school is located, the Superintendent or Principal, and others nominated by the Finance Committee and elected by the conference. The elective members shall hold office for one year and be resident in the place where the school is located. The presiding Elder or some one appointed by him shall be the convener and secretary of the committee.

Standing Committees.—B. F. West, for the committee on Nominations, presented the following nominations:—

Conference Boards.—The Presiding officer n ominated the following Conference Boards:—

Education:—W. G. Shellabear, G. F. Pykett, F. H. Morgan, E. S. Lyons.

Publishing:—F. H. Morgan, B. F. West, H. L. E. Luering, W. G. Shellabear.

Sunday Schools:—H. L. E. Luering, G. F. Pykett, S. H. Wood. B. F. VanDyke.

Public Morals:—F. H. Morgan, B. F. West, J. R. Denyes, J. M. Hoover.

Conference Relations:—H. L. E. Luering, F. H. Morgan, G. F. Pykett, Ling Ching Mi.

Public Worship:—Presiding Elders and local Pastors.

Tract Work:—G. F. Pykett, J. R. Denyes, W. T. Cherry.

State of the Church:—J. R. Denyes, E. S. Lyons, J. M. Hoover.

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was resumed. The name of Silas Saleh was called; his Presiding Elder represented his case, the Committee on Conference Relations reported, and on motion of W. G. Shellabear, he was discontinued.

School Committees.—B. F. West presented the following nominations for the various school committees on his district:—

Penang Anglo-Chinese School.—B. F. West, G. F. Pykett, J. M. Hoover, J. W. W. Hogan and Lee Teng Whee.

Ipoh Anglo-Chinese School.—The Preacher-in-charge, S. H. Wood, W. Cowan.

They were elected. Also the following, on nomination of W. G. Shellabear, were elected the Committee for the Singapore Anglo-Chinese School:—

The Presiding Elder, the Principal, F. H. Morgan, and J. Polglase, Esq., Hon. W. R. Collyer.

Treasurer.—On motion of W. E. Horley, F. H. Morgan was nominated as Treasurer to the Board, and he was elected.

Boards of Church Location.—B. F. West presented the following names for the Board of Church Location for Penang District:—The Presiding Elder, G. F. Pykett, W. T. Kensett, J. W. W. Hogan, and J. Richards. They were elected.

W. G. Shellabear presented the following names for the Board of Church Location for Singapore District:—The Presiding Elder, H. L. E. Luering, F. H. Morgan, J. E. Cooper, J. Polglase.

Journal.—On motion of J. E. Banks, 500 copies of the minutes were ordered printed, of which the Woman's Conference are to have 200.

Tract Committee.—J. R. Denyes presented the report of the Tract Committee, and it was adopted.

State of the Church.—Also the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, and it was adopted.

Thirtieth Question.—In response to the thirtieth question, "Where shall the next conference be held?" invitations were received from Singapore, Ipoh, and Penang. The vote being taken, Singapore was designated.

Adjournment.—On motion of B. F. West, it was voted that after announcements are made, conference adjourn to meet at 7.30 a.m. The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by J. R. Denyes, and conference adjourned.

THURSDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Opening Exercises.—Conference convened at 7.30 a.m., Rev. F. W. Warne in the chair. J. E. Banks conducted the devotional exercises.

Journal.—The minutes were read and approved.

Committee on Public Morals.—W. T. Kensett presented the Report of the Committee on Public Morals and it was adopted.

Conference Sermon.—H. L. E. Luering was appointed to preach the Annual Conference Sermon, with E. S. Lyons as alternate.

Missionary Sermon.—J. R. Denyes was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Resolutions.—B. F. West presented the following resolutions:—

I.

Resolved:—That we, the members of this Conference, express our deep sympathy for our beloved Bishop in his sickness at this time, and we trust and iray that God will speedily restore him to health, and that he will return to this peld with renewed vigour on the conclusion of the work to which he has been called fin the home land.

The foregoing was adopted by a rising vote, and the conference joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," after which several moments were spent in fervent prayer that God would bless our beloved Bishop and restore him and his dear wife to health, and spare him for many years of service.

II.

Resolved:—That we heartily endorse the action taken by the recent Central Conference regarding the need of increased Episcopal supervision of Southern Asia, and expressed in the following resolutions:—

I. *Whereas*, Our work in Southern Asia has so grown during the past few years under the able administration of Bishop Thoburn that it has become utterly impossible for one man longer to supervise its various interests and give that attention to details so essential to its continued growth and development, and

Whereas, While heartily endorsing the present administration, yet we, without a dissenting voice, feel that he who has so faithfully carried such heavy burdens during the past twelve years, should, as soon as possible, have associated with him others in bearing these burdens and cares; therefore

Resolved:—That we memorialize the General Conference to take such action as will insure us such episcopal supervision as will afford continuity of administration and close affiliation with the home church, and that in our opinion such episcopal supervision can only be secured by three bishops permanently residing on the field.

II. Be it further *Resolved*: That we re-indorse the sentiment of Central Conference of two years ago on the co-ordinate episcopacy, as follows:—"We heartily approve the action of the General Conference by which provision was made for the official visit of one of the General Superintendents in each quadrennium, to the Southern Asia mission fields of our church. By such provision we believe the close ties happily existing between us and the beloved home church will be drawn still more closely, and our representations of the conditions and needs of our great work be more strongly emphasized. We are free to say that should future visits of our General Superintendents be characterised by the same spirit which has marked the visit of Bishop Foss, the prosperity of our work can only be furthered by these quadrennial visits and by the conjoint administration of our conferences as provided for by the General Conference." We rejoice that the expectations of the good results on the home church of Bishop Foss's visit to Southern Asia have been fully realized by his continued advocacy of our cause since his return to America.

This was also adopted.

III.

Resolved:—That we heartily thank Rev. F. W. Warne, of the Bengal-Burma Conference, for his kindness in presiding at the sessions of the Malaysia Mission Conference and for the care and patience with which he has inquired into all the details of our affairs, and the great assistance which he has given us both in the business of the conference and the devotional meetings.

This was also adopted.

IV.

Resolved:—That we, the members of conference from stations outside of Singapore, do hereby express our sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters who have so well and kindly entertained us.

This was signed by all the visiting brethren and was adopted by a rising vote of the visitors.

Journal.—On motion of B. F. West the minutes were approved as read, and the printed minutes of the past four years were made the official journal of the quadrennium.

Adjournment.—After a few brief remarks by the presiding officer, the appointments were read, the doxology was sung, the benedction pronounced and the conference adjourned.

Attest.

This certifies that the record of proceedings, and all the reports and resolutions herein entered, except the reports of the Presiding Elders, and Board of Deaconesses, were duly approved and adopted by the Eighth Session of the Malaysia Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Singapore, Feb. 17-22, 1900.

F. H. MORGAN,
Secretary.

J. M. Thoburn

RULES OF ORDER.

1.—All the business of the Conference, excepting such as may be brought forward by the President, shall be introduced by motion.

2.—All questions of order shall be determined by the President, whose decision shall in all cases prevail, unless overruled by an appeal to the Conference; any three members dissenting from the President's judgment, shall have a right to appeal to the Conference.

3.—The President shall appoint all Committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference. The Conference shall elect Standing Committees for the ensuing year, vacancies in which shall be filled up by the Finance Committee.

4.—All motions or resolutions introduced by any member of the Conference shall be reduced to writing, if the Secretary or any member request it.

5.—No new motion or resolution shall be entertained till the one under consideration shall be disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following motions shall intervene, namely:—to close discussion as provided for in Rule 8, to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone to a given time, to refer, to postpone indefinitely, to amend; and these motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed.

6.—Every member shall have a right to speak on any motion, but shall not speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time, nor more than once on any one subject, until all have spoken who desire to do so; unless by special permission of the Conference.

7.—No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference unless he be sick or unable to attend.

8.—It shall be in order for any member of the Conference, when he thinkss a question has been sufficiently discussed, to move that the question be taken without further debate; and if the motion be sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the main question shall then be put without further discussion.

9.—Every member, when he speaks, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Chair.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conference?

William T. Cherry, a probationer in the studies of the second year, from the Troy Conference.

Ernest S. Lyons, a probationer in the studies of the third year, from the Rock River Conference.

2.—Who have been readmitted?

None.

3.—Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?

Samuel Abraham, from the Congregational church.

4.—Who have been received on trial?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

James M. Hoover, William E. Curtis, Ong Oa Lai, Benjamin J. Van Dyke, Samuel Abraham.

(b) In Studies of Third Year.

Ernest S. Lyons.

5.—Who have been continued on trial?

None.

6.—Who have been discontinued?

Christopher Egland.

7.—Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year.

Lau Seng Chong.

(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously.

John R. Denyes, William T. Cherry.

8.—What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

John R. Denyes, William T. Cherry.

9.—What Members are in studies of Fourth Year?

Laû Seng Chong.

10.—What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?

None.

11.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a) As Local Preachers.

Paul Kuppusami.

12.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacon.

Simon Peter.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

John R. Denyes, Ernest S. Lyons, William T. Cherry.

13.—Was the Character of each preacher examined?

This was carefully attended to as the name of each Preacher was called in open Conference.

14.—Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?

None.

15.—Who have died?

None.

16.—Who have been located at their own request?

None.

17.—Who have been Located?

None.

18.—Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?

None.

20.—Who have been expelled?

None.

21.—What other personal notation should be made?

None.

22.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. J. Amery.

23.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

None.

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?

H. L. E. Luering, F. H. Morgan, W. T. Kensett, W. E. Horley, G. F. Pykett, Ling Ching Mi.

25.—What is the Statistical Report for this Year?

See Statistics.

26.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections reported by the Conference Treasurer?

$366.

27.—What are the claims on the Conference Fund?

None.

28.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

$104.08; held to the order of the Conference.

29.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

See Appointments.

30.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

Singapore.

Reports of the Work.

Penang District.

Rev. B. F. West, P. E.

We come again to Annual Conference acknowledging the mercy of God and praising His goodness. Death has again passed us by, although every member of the District has experienced more or less illness. Early in the year Mrs. Kensett was compelled to return to the home-land owing to impaired health. In March, Bro. Amery went home on furlough after five years of faithful service. Mrs. Curtis was transferred to Thaipeng in April, and Bro. Curtis joined her there in October. In September Mr. J. M. Hoover and Mr. Lee Theng Hwee joined the staff of the Penang Anglo-Chinese School, and in February of this year Mrs. Meek arrived for the Girls' School at Kuala Lumpur.

The year has been memorable in that the Government of the native State of Perak asked us to take over the girls' school at Taipeng and the boys' school at Teluk Anson, and later in the year the Government of the native State of Selangor asked us to take over the girls' school at Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay States. These schools not only give us access to a large community, both native and foreign, but they also put us in possession of property worth many thousands of dollars.

Two buildings have been erected on the District this year, both of them by Dr. Kensett. One is a handsome brick church at Kuala Lumpur, and the other a wooden chapel at Klang.

These buildings were both erected without the aid of either Missionary Society or Conference funds. I shall not attempt to give a detailed account of each place where we have work, but shall content myself with giving a brief summary of the work in the District as a whole, leaving to the brethren concerned the duty of reporting in detail. I desire to say, however, that I believe it would be difficult to find in all Methodism a Presiding Elder's District in which the workers have worked harder or given more liberally from their own salaries than have those of the Penang District this year, and that, too, in face of the terrible discouragement that comes with the lack of adequate support and a sufficient number of fellow-labourers.

We have had as workers on the Penang District this year four missionaries and two wives of missionaries, two lay missionaries for the whole year and two more for the last four months of the year, one wife of a lay missionary and one deaconess. This does not include our native helpers.

The work done may be summarized as follows:—We occupy four principal stations, viz., Penang, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Thaipeng, and have work in six out-stations.

We have three boys' Anglo-Chinese Schools—Penang, Ipoh and Teluk-Anson, besides having a lay-missionary in the Government School at Thaipeng. We have three boys' Anglo-Tamil Schools—Penang, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur. We have four Anglo-Chinese Girls' Schools—Penang, Thaipeng, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur. We have one Anglo-Tamil Girls' School—Penang. One Theological School at Penang. These schools place 1252 boys and girls under our instruction.

We carry on regular English preaching at five places—Penang, Prai, Ipoh, Batu Gajah and Gopeng. We have eight regular Chinese congregations—Penang, Nibong Tbal, Bukit Mertajam, Kulim, Ipoh, Menglmbu, Kuala Lumpur and Klang, besides carrying on regular preaching in the jails and hospitals and a great deal of street and bazaar work. Our Tamil congregations number three: Penang, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur, and at all these places services are also held in the jails, hospitals and on the road sides.

Besides the work already mentioned we carry on a Rescue Home for women and girls, a Boarding School for girls, Medical Work, Bible Classes for English-speaking Chinese, Temperance Meetings, Lectures and Classes on scientific subjects, and not last nor least, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues in every place where we can find time and strength to conduct them.

There has been no year in our history thus far when the discouragements have been so great as they have been this year, and yet I believe we have made more solid progress than in any previous twelve months. Our schools presented candidates for the higher examinations for the first time. The Sunday schools in connection with our day schools have been better attended. The number of boys and girls in our schools is greater. We have more members and probationers and baptized children. We have occupied four new stations. There is a marked and *much more definite* spirit of inquiry among the higher classes. The conversions have been marked by a definiteness and joyfulness hitherto unknown. The giving has been more spontaneous and larger in amount. We show a slight decrease in the number of baptisms, which is not owing to lack of candidates but to a greater caution on the part of the missionaries in accepting candidates.

The most serious drawback to our work has been the lack of qualified native workers. We must give this subject more serious attention than we have ever yet done if we are to have any great success. We must have men who are converted and who know their Bibles, our doctrines and rules. Our District Conference, held in November, made very plain the difference between an utterly untrained man and those who had received a little training. We had as one of the subjects "How shall we teach our members to tell the truth?" and the native brother who introduced the subject said that there was no text in the Bible that he knew of that condemned lying. Another one said that a man in business *must* tell lies in order to succeed. We cannot build up a church with such men.

Altogether we have great cause for thankfulness and praise. We have not accomplished what we thought to do when we began the work of the year, nor have we been permitted to work in the way which we had outlined in our own minds. In strange ways have we been led, new doors have been opened to us and unthought of things have become facts, and the result is that we come to the close of this conference year with a clear conviction that God has been with us and we now bring you our report of the work done, praying the prayer of the Psalmist: "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Singapore District.

Rev. W. G. Shellabear, P. E.

The work of the past year has been carried on at some disadvantage. The apparent strength of the staff of this district has been greater than the actual working force. Dr. Lueri:g has been seriously incapacitated by sickness throughout the year, and since November has been absent on a health trip to India. My own time has been so fully occupied in the mechanical and business work of the Press that I have found evangelistic work practically out of the question. Bro. Whitaker, one of our lay missionaries, who was teaching in the Anglo-Chinese School, left us shortly after conference to return to America; and our senior missionary of the Woman's Society, Miss Blackmore, has been absent on furlough throughout the year. At the close of the year, however, welcome reinforcements for the Anglo-Chinese School arrived from America in the persons of Revs. E. S. Lyons and B. F. Van Dyke, and this month we have had the pleasure of greeting the new agent of our Press, Rev. W. T. Cherry, with his wife and their little son. These additions to our staff have given us fresh heart, but we have since lost the services of Dr. Egland, who left us this month, and we understand intends to practise medicine at Bangkok.

Our work at Malacca has been put upon a much more satisfactory basis by the transfer of the Rev. Laû Seng Chong from Penang. This brother is a diligent worker, and his labours have been successful beyond my most sanguine expectation. During the ten months that he and his good wife have been at Malacca, some pulling down as well as building up has been necessary, and the unfaithfulness of the catechist who was previously in charge of the work has been a serious hindrance; the membership has nevertheless more than doubled, and there is a marked improvement in the entire aspect of the work. Formerly the congregations consisted chiefly of casual passers-by

who happened to stop at the door and listen; the audiences during the past year have been somewhat smaller, but there have been many more regular attendants. A considerable proportion of the membership lives up country, at distances varying from 3 to 40 miles from the town, and for this reason several are unable to attend the services, except at long intervals. The sum of $20 has been raised on ministerial support, and the collections for all purposes have reached a sum of no less than $57 for ten months, which, when the size of the congregation is considered, is better than any of the other native churches on this district have done.

The native work in the town of Singapore has suffered considerably during the past year from the illness of Dr. Luering, who was in charge of the Malay and Chinese churches. Bro. Denyes has made good progress in the Malay language, and though most of his time has been occupied in teaching in the Anglo-Chinese School, has assisted materially in the pastoral work of the Malay Church and in the evening services. I have conducted the Malay services in Dr. Luering's absence whenever necessary. A determined effort has been made to place the Malay Church on a more satisfactory basis as regards self-support, and the Sunday collections have been greatly increased by the introduction of the envelope system. The congregation is preparing to purchase from the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society the church building in which they have met for many years, and to put it into a proper state of repair. The native women of the church have collected more than $340 for this purpose, and one Chinese woman has given a donation of $420 in addition to her monthly subscription. In all $1000 have now been collected for the purchase and renovation of the Middle Road Church, besides which there is in the hands of the Treasurer of the Anglo-Chinese School the sum of about $1200, which was collected in Germany for this object by Dr. Luering some years ago. The price of the property has been fixed at $4000, and the repairs will cost about $1000 more. I would suggest that the raising of the balance of $2800 be set before our Malay congregation as the object of their efforts in connection with the Twentieth Century Fund.

The pastor of our Foochow Chinese Church, Bro. Ling Ching Mi, has enjoyed very much better health than formerly, and is now able to get about among the people more than ever before. The number of Christians who have joined our church by letter from China has been somewhat larger than usual, and the membership shows a slight increase, but the number of baptisms is smaller than last year, being 5 against 14. The congregation continues to consist almost entirely of males, as the Foochow and Hinghwa men are not in the habit of bringing their families with them.

A commencement has been made with Hokkien work this year by the employment of a Bible woman, who has visited a large number of homes. The people among whom she has visited are chiefly from

the Chang Chiu district, and she has found such a wide field of labour among the numerous Hokkien families of this town that I feel it is imperative that we should follow up her work by employing a Hokkien preacher during the coming year. Two of our missionaries have promised to contribute $5 a month each for one year towards the salary of such a man, and I trust that we shall not be disappointed in finding a suitable preacher.

The Tamil work, under Bro. Morgan's supervision, has made a material advance, the congregation having now a home of their own in a neat little church building, which has been erected by means of funds raised locally, mainly through the indefatigable labours of the native preacher, Simon Peter, who has also succeeded in raising enough money to build a small house as a parsonage, which he is now himself occupying. During the past year the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has employed a Tamil Bible woman, who has been doing good work. The Anglo-Tamil school, which is taught by the preacher, has also done good work; the enrolment has increased and a larger government grant has been earned.

Bro. Morgan, as pastor of our English Church, reports increased prosperity and a larger attendance at the services. An increase is also reported in the Sunday school. The departure of the European regiment from Singapore is likely to cause a temporary embarassment to this charge owing to the decrease of the chaplaincy allowance, but the official members are proposing to make a special effort to supply the deficiency. A committee has also been appointed to raise the sum of $5000 as a Twentieth Century offering, $3000 of which is to be expended on the purchase of the parsonage, Bishop Thoburn having very generously offered to raise an equal amount for that purpose. The balance of $2000 is needed for repairs to the church building and the purchase of a new organ.

The Anglo-Chinese School has, in the opinion of the Government Inspector, done an extra good year's work, and has earned a considerably increased grant. A change in the amount of school fees from $1 to $1.50 per month throughout the schools of this city has placed us in a much better financial position than we have been for some time, but the increased stringency of the demands of the Government in regard to the strength and qualifications of the teaching staff has necessitated an increased expenditure which has to some extent counterbalanced the advantage gained. The parents of the boys have now a much clearer understanding than ever before as to the position of the school in regard to religious instruction, and no opposition has been manifested. This is an eminently satisfactory condition of affairs. The boarding school now accommodates a larger number of boys than ever before, and the financial condition of this branch of the school has so much improved that it will be possible this year to pay off a substantial amount of the debt, which, however, is still a heavy burden.

The schools of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are continually increasing in numbers and efficiency. The Methodist Girls' School will shortly move into the fine new building which has been erected on the site purchased more than a year ago. By the sale of their building on Middle Road, a grant from America, a building grant from the Government of the Colony, and local subscriptions, the ladies have already got together a sum of $12,323 Mexican, which is almost enough to pay for the building as well as the land. It is hoped that the deficiency, a sum of about $700, will be paid off before the end of the year. The school will undoubtedly enjoy greatly increased prosperity when it meets in a building worthy of the Society under which it works. The Teluk Ayer School has now been granted the privilege of receiving a Government grant, and has been inspected for the first time with satisfactory results. The number of scholars attending this school is well maintained. The usual number of homes are visited by workers of the W. F. M. S. In eleven homes school is regularly taught to the inmates, and in some instances to children living in neighbouring houses. The new building for native girls in the grounds of the Deaconess Home is now completed and accommodates about fifty girls. There is now a good deal more room for European and Eurasian girls in the main building. In Miss Blackmore's absence, Mrs. Buchanan has been in charge of the Deaconess Home, and has done excellent work; the deaconesses, Miss Lilly and Miss Hemingway, have thus been set free for the outside work, which more than absorbs all their energies. Unfortunately Mrs. Buchanan's health has not been equal to the arduous work of the Home, and we fear that she will not be able to remain in charge after conference.

Our Mission Press has before it the prospect of becoming a mighty force for the evangelisation of Malaysia. We have established a reputation for good and conscientious work and a desire to please our customers, and orders for printing are pouring in, but (more particularly for the past six or seven months) our resources have been strained to the utmost limit. Partly for the lack of sufficient plant and partly owing to the impossibility of getting compositors, we have recently been compelled to refuse an order for the printing of a large book because we could not have finished it in time. The value of work done in the last complete half year was 37% in advance of any previous record, and the value of work done in 1899 was 36% in advance of 1898. During the past two or three months there has been a still further increase, but we have imported three compositors from India and have engaged one man locally, and are thus able to keep pace with the work. For the Bible Society we have been printing Scripture portions in Javanese and Malay as in former years, and this year we commenced to print in the Anamite language (Roman characters) and have nearly completed the Gospel of Mark; the manuscript of Matthew has also been received and will shortly be put in hand. In tract work very little printing has been done, no new

literature of this kind having been prepared during the year. Towards the end of the year we published our Practical Malay Grammar, which has met with a very favourable reception and has sold remarkably well. Vocabularies to accompany the Grammar are now in course of preparation and will be published as early as possible. The arrival of Bro. Cherry to take charge of our Publishing House has already been referred to He has been elected Agent by the Central Conference recently held at Calcutta, and we have every confidence that his intimate acquaintance with the printing business will ensure the future success of this important branch of our Mission work.

With gratitude to God for all the blessings of the past year and especially for the strong reinforcements we have received, we shall enter with renewed faith and hope upon the work of another year.

Reports of the Committees.

EDUCATION.

(1) The Malaysia Mission appears to be providentially in the direction of educational work. During the past year three schools have been added to the list of our educational institutions. The Government of the Native State of Perak have handed over to us their Girls' School at Thaipeng and their boys' school at Teluk Anson, and the Selangor Government have handed over to us the Girls' School at Kwala Lumpur. The grant will make each school self-supporting.

(2) The addition of these schools gives us the following figures:—Boys' schools, four Anglo-Chinese and three Anglo-Tamil. Girls' schools, five. The total number of scholars in average attendance is about 1600. The current expenses of all these schools, and in most instances the salaries of the whole of the teaching staff are covered by the receipts for fees and the grants-in-aid.

(3) The change in the code for the Straits Settlements has given much more freedom in methods of teaching than has formerly been given, and in this respect has assimilated our school system to that in force in England. As a result the efficiency of the teaching in our Singapore schools, (the only school in the colony which has been carried on throughout the year under the new code) has been very much increased. This gives good promise for the future of the new educational system. The Singapore Anglo-Chinese School was one of the two schools of the ten of Singapore that was classified first in all respects.

(4) We would point out to the conference that the new code requires a more highly qualified staff of teachers in all schools. This will necessitate increased expenditure in salaries. An effort has been made to encourage those teachers who have not had a college training to pass the Cambridge local examination and thus prepare themselves

for increased usefulness. It may be remarked that we have been able to secure the services of our unusual number of European ladies as teachers in our schools.

(5) We would again this year draw the attention of those of our preachers who are engaged in the native work to the importance of vernacular education for our native Christians. It is of special importance that the grown-up persons as well as children should be taught to read the scriptures in their own tongue.

(6) We are glad to learn that there is a movement on foot to establish a boarding school at Ipoh, believing as we do that a boarding school is a powerful agency for reaching the hearts and consciences of the boys and girls. We rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Anglo-Chinese Boarding School at Singapore, the average number of boys in which is now 51—an increase of six.

(7) We would impress upon the Principals of our schools the importance of giving the lads in our schools a better preparation for their future by organizing business departments as soon as possible.

(8) The following are the financial statements for our several schools.

W. G. Shellabear, *W. E. Horley,*
F. H. Morgan, *J. E. Banks.*

SINGAPORE ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

Day School.

Receipts.		*Expenditures.*	
Government Grant ...	$4,450.00	Debt 1st Jan., 1899 ...	$1,038.20
Fees of Pupils	8,266.89	Salaries of Teachers ...	12,053.14
School Books	404.78	Books, Apparatus and Stationery	1,373.66
Debt, Dec. 31st 1899 ...	2,278.75	Furniture and Cleaning ...	141.00
		Repairs	314.00
		Rent and Insurance ...	2.00
		Transit of Teachers ...	443.00
		Interest on Loans	35.33
	$15,400.33		$15,400.33

Boarding School.

Receipts.		*Expenditures.*	
Board of Teachers ...	$1,753.00	Debt, Jan. 1st 1899 ...	$13,640.56
,, Pupils	8,720.05	Salaries of Teachers and Servants	2,407.17
Debt, 31st Dec. 1899 ...	12,194.04	Food Supplies	5,502.82
		Books, Stationery and Repairs	503.42
		Rent and Insurance ...	27.50
		Interest on Loans ...	585.62
	$22,667.09		$22,667.09

The Government Grant received since 31st December, 1899, decreases total debt to about $9,000. There are no outstanding bills.

PENANG ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

Receipts.		*Expenses.*	
Balance last year	$ 1,003.89	Interest	$ 2,066.49
Fees	5,982.32	Salaries	6,258.00
Books	833.25	Sundries	29.93
Loans	148.00	Tax	93.00
Rent	364.50	Books	1,058.04
Grant	3,251.00	Loans	7,300.00
Bishop Thoburn	7,236.00	Rent	60.00
		Repairs	58.82
		Printing	5.00
		Furniture	48.60
		Cambridge local exam. tax	90.00
		Fence	10.00
		Whitewashing	45.00
		Insurance	100.00
		Advertising	20.28
		Balance on hand	*1,575.80
	$18,818.96		$18,818.96

* This does not take into account the earned grant due for last year's work. The unit of grant is $3,642.00. This would make a balance on hand of $5,207.80.

IPOH ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL.

Receipts.		*Expenses.*	
Cash on hand Jan. 1st 1899...	$ 52.78	Salaries of Teachers, etc. ...	$3,110.50
School Fees	1,837.00	Books, etc., bought ...	252.00
Govt. Grant-in-aid, 1898 ...	980.00	School Apparatus, etc. ...	285.95
Govt. Grant to help purchase further school apparatus ...	200.00	Paid on Building Debt ...	250.00
		Remainder of Building Debt..	250.00
Donation by Captain Ah Kwi for Scholarship	120.00		
Subscriptions to help pay building debt	100.00		
Books and Stationery sold ...	468.03		
Loan Remainder of Debt on building	250.00		
Loan to Cash Account ...	140.64		
	$3,893.45		$3,898.45

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

(1) We rejoice in the increased prosperity of our Press, and the arrival of the new Agent, Brother W. T. Cherry, who will relieve Brother Shellabear of the strain upon him during the past two years. The proposition of the British and Foreign Bible Society, made last year, that W. G. Shellabear be released for the translation of the scriptures, was accepted, and a new Agent sent from America. The Press is rapidly gaining a reputation in the colony for good work and we hope the time of entire self-support is not far distant.

(2) In order, however, that the Press may reach its highest ideal of efficiency, we feel that increased plant is imperatively de-

manded, as our present equipment is insufficient for the demands made upon us. A new building for our publishing house seems to be a growing necessity, and we trust that our work will be generously remembered among the many worthy objects for which funds are being raised under the Twentieth Century Fund. We greatly appreciate the interest of Bishop Thoburn in our work and his desire to place our publishing interests upon a sound financial basis.

(3) The plans for the establishment of a department of photo-engraving, have not been so successful as we had hoped, as it requires closer supervision and more time than our Agent has been able to give, while the demand for such work is not large enough to enable us to compete with the cheaper Japanese productions.

(4) The Malay Grammar published by our Press has found a ready sale, and is highly commended; it is hoped that the accompanying vocabularies may soon be issued.

(5) We would again urge the brethren to bear in mind the Book Room, and purchase their books and supplies as far as possible from or through their own Agent.

(6) We are convinced that the printing of our religious publications, especially in Malay, has greatly helped the growth of our native congregation, but we feel the need of a greater selection of books and tracts suitable for Christian and non-Christian readers.

(7) As a committee we recommend that the daily work in our Mission Press be commenced by a short religious service in English, Malay or Tamil.

F. H. Morgan, *B. F. West*,
H. L. E. Luering, *W. T. Kensett*.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(1) The increase in the number of Sunday schools in the conference indicates that our missionaries recognise the importance of this work, a fact which fills us with great satisfaction.

(2) We recommend, in order to further promote this blessed work and to augment its usefulness among the classes and races of our mission field, that pastors of churches should exhort the adult members of their congregations to avail themselves of the systematic teaching and Bible study of the Sunday school. There is no better means to remedy the deplorable ignorance of the scriptures so often found among those recently brought into the fold of Christianity, nor is there a better opportunity of introducing our Romanised literature among our people.

(3) While fully recognising the advantage of following the course of the International Bible Lessons in all schools that have a regular attendance, we would advise our teachers in open-air Sunday schools to use lessons from the Life of Christ such as have already been

prepared both in Malay and Chinese. The Life of Christ as the founder of our faith, its lessons of divine love and compassion toward mankind, and its invitations and offers of free and full salvation, cannot but be of the greatest influence upon our hearers.

(4) Both in our open-air and other Sunday schools, we have noted with great satisfaction the help afforded the teacher by the Berean Picture Cards, which often open us new and inviting doors and win us many friends.

(5) In order to increase the regular study of the scriptures among our scholars, few of whom have the possibility of owning or using a Bible, we would recommend that the text of the International Sunday School Lessons be translated into Malay every year and be printed in booklet form and sold at a nominal price.

(6) As a committee, we greatly appreciate the faithful efforts of our Sunday school workers, and hope that their good example may induce more of our church members and friends to enroll themselves in our ranks as Sunday school teachers.

H. L. E. Luering, J. R. Denyes, Miss Martin.

Public Morals.

The temperance situation remains about the same as last year. Meetings have been held and a number of pledges taken. We recommend the distribution of temperance literature, and the publication of facts on temperance in the mission press, and in mission papers.

We regret that Sunday is becoming more and more a day on which many of the Europeans spend their time in sports and pleasure-seeking, and we would urge all our preachers and people to set their faces sternly against Sabbath desecration in any form, and to encourage others both by precept and example to a deeper reverence for the day of the Lord.

We shall watch with great interest the practical working out of the new women's and girls' ordinance, and sincerely hope that the desires of the Christian community in the matter may be realised.

We recommend the taking of immediate steps looking to the formation of an interdenominational organization in Malaysia to further the proper observance of the Lord's Day.

W. T. Kensett, B. F. West, J. E. Banks.

Tract Work.

The Committee on Tract Work desire to submit the following report.

(1) We recommend that the conference record once more its belief in the value of tract distribution as a means of evangelisation.

(2) During the past year many tracts have been distributed and sold, especially in the Tamil and the Chinese languages; yet we regret to report that this work has not been pushed as aggressively as it might have been. We would recommend to all missionary workers the wide distribution of such tracts and booklets as set forth the doctrines and polity of the Methodist Church.

(3) We regret that for the past year the grant for tract work has been discontinued, and we would suggest that immediate steps be taken to put ourselves again into communication with the Tract Society.

J. R. Denyes, W. E. Horley, J. M. Hoover.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

(1) It is with gratitude to God that we report a year of general progress. Two churches have been erected and paid for and a good start has been made in collecting funds for a third. But it is with special thanksgiving that we report the deepening of the spiritual life of our native Christians, and the increasing indications of a general religious awakening.

(2) We continue to meet with serious obstacles in our work. The transitory character of the population adds to the difficulty of building up permanent churches. Statistics fail to show the real work done. Only a small proportion of the people can read their own language, and but few remain long enough in one place to get a foundation of Christian knowledge upon which to build a permanent spiritual experience. We are also seriously hindered by the lack of missionaries to take hold of opportunities offered us, especially in the Native States.

(3) We are pleased to note the increasing attention that is being paid to the more permanent elements of the population.

(4) We rejoice that definite plans have been made for the training of native preachers, and we trust that our missionaries will make every effort to find suitable men as students for our theological school.

(5) We recommend that as rapidly as possible definite plans be formulated for developing a Christian literature in Romanized Malay and Chinese.

(6) It is with great pleasure that we note the growth of our Epworth League work within the boundaries of this conference. We are convinced of the usefulness of such associations and desire that preachers-in-charge further promote this means of reaching our young people.

(7) As Methodists we cannot omit a reference to the importance of the class-meeting, and hope that wherever possible this institution be introduced in our work.

J. R. Denyes, H. L. E. Luering, W. E. Horley.

Deaconess Board.

The Deaconess Board of the Malaysia Mission Conference met at the home of Rev. F. H. Morgan on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, February 20th, 1900. Rev. B. F. West opened the meeting by prayer.

Mrs. Shellabear was elected Secretary. Members of Committee present were as follows:—Rev. B. F. West, Rev. F. H. Morgan, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Denyes, Miss Martin, Mrs. Shellabear and Mrs. Buchanan.

Miss Blackmore's name was called, and her character and work were approved. We hope to welcome her again soon to her work in Singapore.

Miss Lilly's name was called, her character and work were approved.

Miss Martin's name was called and her character and work were approved.

The name of Miss Gunatilaka, Deaconess on probation, was called, her character was passed, and she was discontinued at her own request.

We urge that the Superintendents of the Deaconess Homes be prepared in future to present a financial statement to the Board as required by the Discipline.

The donor of the gift for a second Deaconess for Penang is very much dissatisfied that her gift to Penang is still unappropriated, as no Deaconess has been sent out; therefore we urge that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society make a special effort to send a Deaconess as early as possible to Penang.

Resolved, That the W. F. Missionary Society be urged to send a Deaconess to Singapore; also one for Kuala Lumpur as soon as possible, as the work is suffering for lack of reinforcements.

Theological Training School Report.

(1) By authority of the conference we have a Training School for Native Theological Students. This school receives no aid from mission funds but is entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions. It is now without funds for current expenses. It therefore becomes necessary that some action be taken to remedy this state of affairs.

(2) We recommend:—*(a)* That the brethren be urged to unite in an endeavour to secure endowments for scholarships, either locally or in America. *(b)* To endeavour to secure yearly subscriptions, monthly subscriptions or contributions in whatever amount, and that a yearly collection be taken in all our charges for this purpose. *(c)* That this cause be recommended to the favourable consideration of those in charge of the Twentieth Century Funds.

(3) That *all* students intended for the ministry be put into this institution at the earliest practicable moment.

B. F. West, *W. E. Horley,*
F. H. Morgan, *W. G. Shellabear.*

COURSES OF STUDY.

STUDIES REQUIRED OF TRAVELLING PREACHERS WHO TAKE A VERNACULAR COURSE.

For Admission On Trial.

Larger Catechism. Discipline of the M. E. Church. Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.
Written Sermon.—"Repentance." Mark 1. 15; or Acts 3. 19; or Acts 17. 30.
Essay.—"The Mission of Methodism."

First Year.

Harman (Pp. 1-447.) Miley, Vol. i. Outlines of Universal History (Ancient and Mediæval). Christian Perfection.
Exegetical Studies in the Gospels.
Oral Examination.
Apply the "Analytical Process" (p. 8-9) to the Sermon on the Mount, presenting grammatical analysis of Chap. 5. 14, 19, 20, 21, 22.
Sermon.—"Justification by Faith." Rom. 3. 24, 26; or Rom. 5. 1.

Second Year.

Harman (Pp. 448–770.) Miley, Vol. ii. Outlines of Universal History (Modern).
Exegetical Studies in the Epistles.
Oral Review.
Apply the "Analytical process" to the Epistle of Titus, presenting grammatical analysis of Chap. 2. 9, 13.
State what doctrines are taught in this Epistle, and where each is found.
Sermon.—"The Atonement." Isa 53. 5, 6; or Matt. 20. 28; or Rom. 5. 6-9.

Third Year.

Hermeneutics. The Supernatural Book. History of the Christian Church, Vol. i.
Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch.
Make a critical study of the first three chapters of Genesis, and show:
a. To what extent they agree or disagree with modern science.
b. Give a list of their great doctrinal or essential truths.
c. In what respects is this account of the creation superior to all other accounts.
Study the biography of Jacob and show:
a. The elements of his character.
b. The secret of his success.
c. The lessons of his life.
Sermon.—"Regeneration." John 3. 3; or I Cor. 5. 17.

Fourth Year.

Butler's Analogy. History of the Christian Church, Vol. iii. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
Exegetical Studies in Isaiah.
a Give a list of certain great doctrines found in this book.
b Give character and verse of leading Messianic prophesies.
c Analyse the 53rd chapter.
Sermon.—"Sanctification." John 17. 17-19; or I Thes. 4. 3; or I Thes. 5. 23.
Essay.—"The Successful Preacher."

Course of Malay Study for Missionaries.

First Year.

The Triglot Vocabulary. The Straits Dialogues. Malay Methodist Hymnal. Hikayat Yusof (Romanised). Gospel of Matthew (Revision Committee's edition). Practical Malay Grammar. Vaughan's Manners and Customs of the Chinese of the Straits Settlements. A short written discourse in Roman character.

Second Year.

Hikayat Yusof in the Arabic character. Ritual and Rules of the M. E. Church in Malay. Knyata'an Jalan Slamat. The Gospels of Mark and Luke (Dutch Romanised edition.) Sale's Koran, with Introduction. Hikayat Abdullah, first half. A short Sermon in the Roman character.

Third Year.

Hikayat Abdullah, second half. The Gospel of John, Acts, and Romans, in Arabic character. Sell's "Faith of Islam." Sějarah Malayu in Arabic character, the first 20 chapters. Edkins' Religion in China. A written Sermon in the Arabic character.

Fourth Year.

The book of Psalms, Dutch Edition. The remainder of the New Testament. Pfander's "Mizan ul Haqq." The remainder of the Sějarah Malayu. A Sermon to be preached extempore before the Examiners.

Course of Study in Hok-kien Chinese for Missionaries.

First Year.

1—Gospel of John, chapters 1-4: to be able to read the Chinese character and translate into the Colloquial.
2—"Lun-Gu," 1st and 2nd books: to be able to read in the Chinese character and translate into English.
3—Gospel of Mark: to be read in the Romanised Colloquial.
4—Short written discourse in the Romanised Colloquial.

Second Year.

1—Gospel of Mark: to be able to read the Chinese Character and translate into the Colloquial.
2—"Doctrine of the Mean," 12 chapters: to read the Chinese Character and translate into English.
3—Gospel of John, any two selected chapters: to be able to translate from English into Chinese Colloquial, *viva voce*.
4—Sermon, to be written in the Romanised Colloquial and read before the examiners.

Third Year.

1—Genesis: to be able to read the Chinese Character and translate into English.
2—"The Great Learning": to be able to read the Chinese Character and translate into the Colloquial.
3—Psalms 1-5: to be able to translate from the English into the Colloquial.
4—Sermon, to be preached extempore before the Examiners.

Course of Study in Tamil for Missionaries.

First Year.

Pope's Hand-book ; Lessons 1-45. (Oral Examination.) Dictation from Exercises of same. Tamil 1st Standard Reader, C. V. E. S. Mark's Gospel.

Second Year.

Pope's Hand-book, completed. Bazaar Book : Chapters 4-9. Gospels of Matthew and John. Methodist Episcopal Ritual. Atti Sudi, 50 line Edition. Conversation with Examiner on simple topics.

Third Year.

Pope's 2nd Tamil Grammar. Bazaar Book, Completed. Mudarai. Romans, and Psalms 1-34. Ten minutes address in Tamil.

Fourth Year.

Lazarus' Nannul. Tamil Minor poets :—Nanneri ; Nethinerivilekkam. Kural : Stanzas 101-130. Isaiah, chapter 40 to end. Tamil Sermon in MS. Tamil Sermon Extempore.

Course of Study in Romanised Malay for Native Members of Conference.

For Admission on Trial.

General Examination in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography. Catechism of the M. E. Church, No. 2. Rules and Ritual of the M.E. Church. Hikayat Yusof. The Gospel of Luke. Exegetical Study of a miracle.
To be read. History of the world (when published.)

Course of Study in Malay (Arabic) for Native Members of Conference.

For Admission on Trial.

General Examination in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography. Catechism of the M. E. Church, No. 2. Rules and Ritual of the M. E. Church. Hikayat Yusof. The Gospel of Luke. Sisa-Sisa Pngajaran Msihi.
To be read. Hikayat Dunia.

Course of Study in Romanised Malay for Native Local Preachers.

First Year.

Catechism of the M. E. Church, No. 2. Rules and Ritual of the M. E. Church. Hikayat Yusof. Cherita derihal Isa Almasih. Gospel of Matthew. Exegetical study of a Parable.
To be read. Gospel of Mark, Luke, and John, and the Acts of the Apostles.

Course of Study for Chinese Travelling Preachers.

Admission on Trial.

a. For Examination :—Genesis; Matthew; John; Catechism with Illustrations; Compend of Doctrine; Discipline, Part III; Geography by Mrs. Baldwin; Arithmetic; Elements of Geology; Buddhism by Dr. Edkins.

b. For Recitation :—Job 38; Psalms 2, 24, 27, 50; Rom. 12; Eph. 3; Rev. 22.

c. To be read :—Universal History, Vol. I. by D. Z. Sheffield; China and her Neighbours, Y. J. Allen; Prophecy fulfilled in Christ; Life of Wesley, by Mrs. Sites; Wesley's Sermons, by J. Lambuth.

d. Written Sermon.

First Year.

a. For Examination :—Exodus; Joshua; Luke; Acts; I and II Peter; Compend of Theology, Vol. I. to II. ch. 4; Church History, Part I; Discipline, Parts 3-6; Confucianism vs. Christianity; Natural Theology, Vol. I. and II. by A. Williamson.

b. For Recitation :—Exodus 20; II Chronicles 6; Psalm 32. 42, 84, 103; Mark 10; II. Cor. 6; Eph. 6.

c. To be read :—Life of Christ by A. Williamson; Universal History, Vols. II. III. and IV.

d. Written Sermon.

Second Year.

a. For Examination :—Psalms 1, 72; Mark; I and II Cor; Galatians, Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; Church History, Part II. to end; Compend of Theology, Vol. II. to end; Bible Handbook. O. T. Part I by N. J. Plumb; Physiology; Natural Theology, Vol. III. and IV.

b. For Recitation :—Gen. 9; Job. 14; Psalms 11, 51, 90, 91; Matt. 5, 6, 7.

c. To be read :—Universal History, Vol. V. to end; Chinese Christian Civilization, by E. Faber.

d. Written Sermon.

Third Year.

a. For Examination :—Isaiah; I and II Tim; Hebrews; Evidences of Christianity, Vol. I. by W. A. P. Martin; Bible Handbook O. T. Part II; Astronomy by Baldwin and Sites; Manual for Native Evangelists by J. L. Nevius; Christ and Confucius by W. Muirhead.

b. For Recitation :—Proverbs 1-4; Eccles. 12; Isa. 35, 53; John 3; Gal. 5.

c. To be read :—Ancient Religions and Philosophies by A. Williamson, Ancestral Worship; Doctrine of Resurrection; How to Win Souls, by Miss Sites.

d. Written Sermon.

Fourth Year.

a. For Examination :—Ruth; Esther; Psalms, 70 to the end; Daniel; Hosea; Romans; James; Elements of Divinity, by J. W. Lambuth; Moral Philosophy, by J. L. Whiting; Bible Handbook N. T.

b. For Recitation :—Psalm 116; John 14-17.

c. To be Read :—How to Enrich the Nation, W. A. P. Martin; Commentary on Mark by E. Faber.

d. Written Sermon.

MALAYSIA MISSION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1900.

Names of Charges.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.			Church Property.				Pastor's Support.			Current Expenses.		Benevolent Collections.		
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Salary.	Rent.	Total.	Church Lighting, &c.	Sunday School Lessons &c.	Missionary Collection. Church.	Missionary Collection. Sunday School.	Other Collections.
Singapore, English Church	4	110	3	4	4	1	1	11	110	1	$ 10000	...	...	1800	...	1800	...	50	$ 80	20	...
Chinese ,,	33	71	1	3	...	5	1	1	25	...	.....	...	...	60	...	60	...	...	11	...	...
Malay ,,	18	31	2	...	6	8	25	28	637	1	8000	...	...	...	..	...	91	...	...	...	1242
Tamil ,,	14	25	1	...	1	3	4	7	72	1	190	1	75	360	...	360	...	...	10	...	...
Malacca, Chinese	15	6	...	...	1	4	1	1	12	...	.....	...	...	150	20	170	26	..	12	...	5
Penang, English ,,	4	22	2	...	1	1	4	10	140	...	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	263	...	95	5	...
Chinese ,,	31	77	5	...	3	21	2	2	50	2	5000	...	...	60	72	132	169	...	20	...	...
Tamil ,,	5	23	2	...	4	2	1	4	60	...	.....	...	...	117	...	117	25	...	19	6	...
W. F. M. S. ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	53	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taipeng.	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	2	20	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	12	...	...
Ipoh, English ,,	...	4	3	...	7	...	1	2	20	1	8000	1	3000	289	...	289	533	...	40	...	...
Chinese ,,	30	25	3	1	...	12	1	2	12	...	.. ...	...	...	...	...	...	112	...	...	...	...
Tamil ,,	28	43	2	..	7	4	1	1	28	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...
Kuala Lumpur, Tamil & Chinese ,,	57	33	2	...	4	8	5	4	100	1	6500	1	5000	370	...	370	121	...	33	...	..
Klang, Chinese ,,	14	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	2000	...	...	20	...	20	2	...	3	...	...
Total	253	473	27	8	38	69	49	78	1339	8	39690	3	8075	2226	92	3318	1367	50	335	31	1247
Last Year	235	453	21	14	40	91	38	64	1227	4	21300	2	6000	3137	...	3137	1534	...	354	33	130
Increase	18	20	6	...	...	...	11	14	112	4	18390	1	2075	..	92	181	...	50	...	...	1117
Decrease	...	..	...	6	2	22	...	...	..	...	.....	...	...	61	..	...	167	..	19	2	...

MALAYSIA MISSION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1900.

Names of Charges.	Sunday Schools.							Day Schools.									
	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of Teachers members or probationers.	No. of Scholars members or probationers.	Current Expenses.	No. of Schools.	No. of School Houses.	Probable Value.	No. of Teachers.	Total yearly enrolment.	Average enrolment.	Average daily attendance.	Greatest No. present.	Boarding Schools.	Probable Value.	No. of boarders.
Singapore.—English Church ...	1	11	110	85	11	20	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chinese ,, ...	1	1	25	15	2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malay ,, ...	25	28	637	600	28	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamil ,, ...	4	7	72	60	7	8	...	1	...	...	1	33	30	27	...	...	...	...
W. F. M. S. Society ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	14000	18	278	257	247	250	1	20000	73
Anglo-Chinese School ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	20000	19	898	554	496	538	1	30000	84
Malacca ...	1	1	12	6	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Penang,—English Church ...	4	10	140	110	10	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chinese ,, ...	2	2	50	35	2	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamil ,, ...	1	4	60	42	4	24	...	1	...	...	5	111	62	57	73	...	..	..
W. F. M. S. Society ...	1	3	53	40	3	3	1	1	...	...	4	88	52	42	51	1	...	9
Anglo-Chinese School ..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	30000	13	801	505	415	485	...	...	...
Ipoh,—English Church ...	1	2	20	18	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...
Chinese ,, ...	1	2	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tamil ,, ...	1	1	28	20	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anglo-Chinese School ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	7000	8	...	...	171	...	...	...	...
Kuala Lumpur,—Tamil and Chinese Church ...	5	4	100	70	4	38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,, Anglo-Tamil School	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	2	...	...	4	74	...	59	...	...	..	...
Thaipeng	1	2	20	14	2	...	...	1	...	...	3	49	...	24	38	...	...	...
Total ...	49	78	1339	1115	69	211	51	23	4	71000	75	2332	1460	1538	1435	3	50000	166
Last year ...	38	64	1227	1107	63	192	52	20	4	62000	64	2465	1675	1407	1609	2	45000	150
Increase ...	11	14	112	8	6	12	...	3	...	9000	11	...	...	131	...	1	5000	16
Decrease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	133	215	...	174	...	..	...

MINUTES

OF THE

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

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FIRST DAY.

The Eighth Session of the Woman's Conference of the Malaysia Mission Conference assembled at Mrs. Morgan's home in Singapore at 5 p. m., February 15th, 1900.

Mrs. Shellabear was asked to take the chair and conduct devotional exercises, which consisted in the singing of the time-loved hymn, "Jesus Lover of my Soul," the reading of Psalm 126, and prayers by Mrs. Meek and Mrs. Shellabear.

The roll was called and the following persons responded to their names: Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs Denyes, Misses Lilly, Martin and Hemingway. Mrs. Jones was also present. The chairman expressed our pleasure to welcome Mrs. Meek and Mrs. Cherry. Mrs. Meek cheered us by telling of the interest shown in the Malay Peninsula by her friends, and Mrs. Cherry briefly told of her satisfaction at being in Singapore. By motion the names of Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Prautch were inserted on the roll as members of the Woman's Conference.

On motion Mrs. Shellabear was elected chairman and Miss Lilly secretary.

Vacancies in the Standing Committees were filled by the Chair. These are now as follows:—

On Education.—Miss Hemingway, Mrs. Shellabear and Miss Lilly.

On Sunday Schools.—Mrs. Denyes, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Luering and Miss Martin.

On Publishing Minutes.—Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Shellabear.

On Resolutions.—Mrs. Denyes, Mrs. Dent, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Shellabear, Miss Martin, Mrs. Meek.

On Nominations.—Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Buchanan.

On Examinations.—Miss Blackmore, Mrs. West, Mrs. Shellabear.

Greetings from Mrs. Prautch were extended by the president.

Reports were called for and those of Singapore District were presented. Mrs. Denyes read report of work in the homes of the boys of the Anglo-Chinese School. On motion the report was accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. Buchanan read the report of the Deaconess Home. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

On motion the next session was to meet at the call of the president.

Adjourned with singing the doxology.

SECOND DAY.

This session was called at the Deaconess Home at 11 a.m., the president in the chair. Mrs. Meek conducted the devotional exercises. The minutes were read and approved.

Dr. West addressed the conference, urging our recognition and help in starting a Rescue Home in Penang. In Mrs. Kensett's absence, on motion Miss Martin was appointed in her place on the committee of Rescue Work, and the committee were instructed to report later.

Reports of Singapore District were again taken up. Mrs. Morgan read the report of the work in connection with the English and Tamil churches. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Bro. Warne was introduced and remained till the close of the session.

Miss Hemingway read report of School Work in Teluk Ayer. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Miss Lilly read report of American Mission Girls' School, and of street Sunday schools. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Mrs. Shellabear read report of Evangelistic and Bible Women's work. The little girl mentioned was present and her case discussed. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Bro. Warne addressed the conference telling of the work and methods of Mrs. Lee in Calcutta, concluding with an account of her being so wonderfully sustained in her great sorrow.

On motion to adjourn, Bro. Warne was asked to dismiss us with the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Reports of Penang District were taken up and Mrs. Pykett's report of Tamil and Telegu work was read by the Secretary. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Mrs. West's report of Chinese work was read by the Secretary. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Mrs. Curtis's report of school work in Thaipeng was read by the Secretary. On motion the report was accepted (See report).

Miss Martin read report of Deaconess Home and Girls' School. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

Reports of Committees were called for and the report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. Morgan. Accepted. On motion the Committees as nominated were elected.

Financial Committee for Girl's School in Penang:—Miss Martin, Mrs. West, Mrs. Pykett, Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Wilkins.

Financial Committee for Girls' Schools in Singapore:—Miss Blackmore, Miss Lilly, Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Benjafield, Mrs. Polglase. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Martin.

Finance Committee:—Miss Martin, Mrs. West, Mrs. Pykett, Mrs. Shellabear, Mrs. Denyes, Miss Lilly.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Denyes. The report was accepted by motion. (See report).

A discussion on the feasibility of entertaining conference members according to the Indian system was indulged.

The conference was adjourned to meet at 4. p.m. The doxology was sung.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 4. p. m. the conference assembled at Mrs. Shellabear's. Bishop Thoburn led in prayer and talked for a short time.

Reports of Committees were resumed and the report of the Sunday schools was read by Mrs. Denyes. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

The Examining Committee reported Mrs. Denyes passed in second year Malay; Miss Martin passed the Deaconess Course with conditions on two books.

Mrs. Morgan presented the report of the Rescue Committee. On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued. (See report).

Miss Hemingway read the report of the Committee on Education. On motion the report was accepted. (See report).

It was moved by Mrs. Denyes that the mode of entertaining the conference members be that followed in India. The motion prevailed.

It was moved by Mrs. Denyes that the committees that have been appointed this year be continued as standing committees. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Luering reported verbally and the report was accepted by motion. (See report).

Mrs. Prautch told of pioneer work in Manila. It was moved that the report be reduced to writing, and accepted. (See report).

The minutes were read and approved. On motion the Conference adjourned to meet, if necessary, at the call of the President.

The closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Cherry.

Reports of Penang District.

Deaconess Work in Penang.

There have been some things that were discouraging about the school work this year, but also some that were encouraging. Miss Young's work has been very satisfactory, she has won the love of the school children and her classes did well at the annual examination. Her bright manner and clever use of Malay have made her a welcome visitor in many homes.

In June, my second-standard teacher left on account of ill health, leaving her class in a very bad condition. I took up the work and tried in the short time left before examination to improve it. In October, Miss Chill, Mrs. Pykett's niece, was taken into the school, since which time up pupil teachers, Eliza and Veeramal have been able to study for a part of each day.

The first of August we were given notice to leave our Acheen Street house. We moved the school into my new home on Burmah Road, but lost several children by the change, the mothers complaining that the school was too far off. A very few new ones have come in, so that if it does not build up again after Chinese New Year we shall have to move it nearer the Chinese part of town. The change has compelled me to do considerable visiting, and I am thus getting better acquainted in the homes of the girls. Our Government grant this year was the largest yet earned, notwithstanding the fact that we were made a second-grade school. My friends in the home land sent me a large box of dolls which they hoped would reach me before Christmas of 1898. It was delayed, not reaching me until May of 1899, but was very welcome when it did arrive, and before the mid-summer holidays we delighted each girl's heart with the present of a doll and a bag of sweets.

Our Friday Sunday school continues to meet, and to make it more efficient we have opening and closing exercises, and we have organized the children into classes. To encouraging my class in the English Sunday school to learn their Golden Texts, I offered prizes one quarter, and seven children, part of them from heathen or worldly homes, earned Bibles.

Another effort has been made to start a Chinese vernacular school, but while several mothers said they would send their children if they might study their heathen books, they were not willing to have them come and learn about Christ; hence the school was discontinued.

Boarding School.—I now have nine girls living with me, three of whom are teachers. Little Malia, the baby who had small-pox, was a wretched sight when first given to me, but she has improved and is bright and happy now. She has been baptized and named Malia Chinese for Mary. In August, Dr. West was made guardian of two girls, Nellie and Clara Fencott. Since the death of their father over a year ago, Dr. West has tried very hard to get the girls; but it was

not until the mother's money was all gone that she consented to give them to him. They are now living with me and are doing very well in their work, and are trying to make up the time they have lost in school. Some gifts from my home, together with a little additional expense, enabled me to have a very pretty Christmas tree for my girls, the trimmings for which they mostly made themselves.

In January we received a dozen very prettily dressed dolls from the Western Avenue Church, Minneapolis. Looking at them has already brought pleasure to several, and the joys of ownership will gladden the hearts of some later.

Clara Martin.

Penang Chinese Work.

Work among Chinese women has been beset with many difficulties this year.

Our Bible woman left for China in May, and has not returned. It has been impossible to fill her place. The Chinese preacher's wife, being a young woman, could not do visiting. My own time has been fully occupied in my family duties. The Sunday school for women and girls has been kept up. We have followed the International Sunday school lessons, studied the Commandments, the Creed, Catechism, etc. The enrollment is twenty-four and average attendance eighteen.

During the year we have had three baptisms, two women and one girl. One of these women has since died and it is a great comfort to us to know that she is at rest. The other woman is one who first came to my husband seeking aid for her son and daughter who were ill with typhoid fever. The daughter died in our house and the son has since died in China. We gave the old woman a home in our house and she in return assisted us in the home. Afterwards she went to live with Miss Martin and is now in the Deaconess Home where, in addition to other work, she takes care of the little girl whom we baptised.

This little girl was rescued by our Bible woman. She had been abandoned by her father because she had small-pox. The Bible woman took her to the hospital and nursed the little thing back to life, and Miss Martin took her into her home and is now caring for her.

The woman's work at Bukit Mertajam and Kulim has made some progress, notably at Kulim, where we have a growing church. We have had the pleasure of instructing and baptising a Siamese young lady this year. She is the daughter of the most prominent Siamese resident of Penang. Shortly after her baptism she was married and she and her husband are now in Bangkok, where he holds a high position in the King's service.

With grateful hearts to God for His blessing on our work, and prayers for continued guidance and help for the future, we leave the work of the past year and enter upon that of the new.

Letty G. West.

Tamil and Telegu Work.

Our Tamil work has been carried on in much the same way as the previous year, viz., visiting, Sunday school and hospital work, etc. I have taught my little school daily.

I took a little girl into the home in July, who is half Malay and half Tamil, and is ten years old, thus making five children in this department.

I have received subscriptions during the year toward the support of those children, to the amount of $43. At Christmas time, through the kindness of one or two friends, we were able to give our Tamil Sunday school a tea, and prizes of books, dolls and clothing were distributed.

The inmates of the Pauper Hospital were not forgotten. I made up little packets of tea, sugar, and other good things for each of them. The poor creatures were so grateful to find they had been remembered.

Rescue Work.—God has blessed my feeble efforts in this department of work. This year I have taken four young women into my home. One of these is a cripple, but notwithstanding this she does all she can to help in the home. She is about eighteen years of age, and two others are about nineteen and twenty respectively. One left us, not satisfied with this change of living, but I am told she will return. For this work we need more accommodation. In fact, I have not troubled much about taking more women, as we are now crowded.

After consultation regarding this matter, it was decided that Mrs. West and I lay the facts before Mrs. Birch, (the Resident Councillor's wife) in order to start a fund for founding a home. She received us very kindly, gave us her advice, and also sent a donation of $20. Another friend in Singapore also kindly sent a donation for this purpose, so I trust that this year will bring better results, and that I shall be able to gather a greater number of these girls. I have no matron, so all the work of supervision and training is done by me. They are taught to read for an hour or two daily, also to cook, wash, mend, and do house work. In leisure moments they make brooms, which are sold, and the money given to them for their own use. Two of these young women were baptized on Christmas day. Our congregation now comprises quite a number of Telegu women. To me, the work of the past year has been encouraging, and with regained strength, I am anxious to go on doing more of it.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.—As president of our small Union, I am pleased to report that our work is growing steadily, though slowly. We have only a handful of members, but all attend the meetings regularly; we have also a few visiting friends, who are very regular in attendance. Of the different departments of work we have in this Union, the Flower Mission has been one of the most successful. On the 4th of December, (with fearful hearts) we held our first public meeting. All were delighted afterwards at the success it proved. We had an audience of over 150 people. The pro-

gramme consisted of songs, recitations, etc., and above all, two good temperance talks by Mr. Hoover and Dr. West. During an interval refreshments were served. At the close of the meeting, on an invitation from myself four signed the pledge; so I think we had a real good time, and have much to be thankful for and encourage us to go on spreading this work.

I am extremely sorry that illness has prevented me from being present at conference, and pray that God will counsel and guide our sisters in all their plans for work during the coming year.

A. Pykett.

Work in Thaipeng.

One month after the close of last conference found me systematically engaged in evangelistic work in the Penang Schools and homes, with the prospect of much seed-sowing in the Master's great field. Two months afterward I was established in the cosy little quarters of the Thaipeng Girls' School, working hard to start that stranded institution on a prosperous course. It is a cause for gratitude to our great source of help that these efforts have been crowned with a good measure of success.

It seems providential that just at the time when Bishop Thoburn should be passing through on his return from Manila, the Perak Government should express their willingness to give into the charge of our Mission the Government Girls' School at their capital, Thaipeng. Matters were arranged in a short time, and on the 4th of May the school was formally reopened by Mr. Rodger, the British Resident.

There were fifteen names on the roll, with one in actual attendance, but during the year the enrollment has been increased to forty nine. Attendance has varied somewhat owing to the frequent removals of those families connected with the government service. There are a few English children forming the nucleus of the school, but the greater number are Eurasian and Chinese.

The work ranges from that of four-year tots in the kindergarten, to the special preparation of two girls for the Cambridge University local examination; needle work also forms a prominent feature. There are two assistants:—Miss Legge, in charge of the kindergarten, and Miss Smith in the secondary grades.

At the annual examination in December, conducted by Mr. Driver, the Inspector for the Federated Malay States, the school passed at 100*o/o*, and received an excellent recommendation. I have introduced daily gymnastic exercises which are very helpful in keeping up the life of the school. Mr. Chang Ah Yung, a wealthy tin miner whose little daughter attends the school, has presented us with a fine piano.

In addition to the monthly allowance for the past year, the government made us a grant of $150 (silver) for gymnastic apparatus, and $100 (silver) for kindergarten supplies. They have also built on

an additional class room, and at the recent closing exhibition the Resident expressed the hope that a larger building be erected for us next year. The Government officials have been untiring in their kind interest, many of the ladies giving valuable prizes to encourage work along special lines. A satin banner given by Mrs. Rodger as a monthly roll of honour has been a great incentive in the school, as also the scholarship medals awarded by Col. Walker.

We give regular Scripture lessons in the day school, and have started a Sunday school, which has kept up a good interest and promises much for the future. There have been a number of applications for boarding, but owing to the very limited room I have been able to accommodate only three. I trust we may soon have a building for this purpose and pray that God's continued blessing may be on the newly begun work in Thaipeng.

Mary Carr Curtis.

Reports of Singapore District.

Evangelistic Work.

Miss Norris, Nonya Lim Neo and Nonya Tui have been associated with me in work this year. Miss Norris has been a welcome visitor in 116 homes. She has visited weekly thirty-two homes. She teaches about forty women and girls to read the beginning books in Romanized Malay, and after these they read gospel portions. It is touching to see a woman with a child in her arms and two or three others clinging to her skirts bring her slate to the teacher and wait patiently for correction and approval of the work. Any child of seven or eight years should be able to do much more, yet it is by dint of patient effort this woman has accomplished so much. A new lesson is given and then teacher and pupil sit down and read together a portion from the Bible and talk about it, then a hymn is sung and Miss Norris goes out into another home. I have thought of the patience needed for this work as I have gone here and there with this dear worker, and I feel sure that great good will come through her efforts. Miss Norris has two Sunday schools which she has cared for faithfully during the year. She meets about twenty-five persons weekly in each of these. Besides the women she teaches in the homes and the Sunday school work, she has the opportunity of telling the gospel story to about sixty people weekly whom she meets in other homes. We know not who of these may be led to Christ, but we do know that "His word shall not return unto Him void but shall accomplish that whereunto it is sent."

Lim Neo, our Bible woman, has visited weekly about thirty homes. She was the means of bringing to us a Palembang family, who were all baptised and who seemed very anxious to lead true Christian

they have lived for some years in Singapore, but have now returned to their own country, where we hope they will witness faithfully for Christ.

Nonya Tui came to us as *amah* for a time. She had come to Singapore from China to teach the Chinese language to a Baba family, but as she was a Christian there was some friction and she left their home. After she had been with us some time we noticed that she gathered the servants on Sunday evenings and read the Bible to them. On enquiring we found out that she had been accustomed to do this work in China. We then made arrangements for her to give up her time to teaching the Chinese women with whom she could converse about Christ. She found a great many Hokkien women who were glad to hear what she had to say about Christ. Often these coolie women sew under the trees by the road, and this Bible woman has had an audience of fifteen or twenty gathered about her listening and asking questions. She found a woman who was brought up in a Christian school in China and who was a Christian there. She married and came to Singapore. Her husband took to smoking opium and in order to get food and clothing she herself has been led into bad ways. She told us her story and begged us to try to help her husband give up the opium. As we looked at the poor emaciated man, unshaven, lying in filth with his opium pipe beside him, our hearts ached for the poor young wife. No wonder that she felt crushed and heart-broken and thought of the days when she was a happy child in a Christian school in Amoy. When she saw a Chinese Bible in our home she opened it eagerly and began to read, saying "I have not seen one for five years." The hymns in Romanized Chinese are a comfort to her and she loves to sing them.

Nonya Tui is teaching thirteen boys and girls to read Chinese, and she has forty and fifty daily to whom she tells Bible stories and urges them to lead a true life. We hope for much from her work.

My own work has been to do a little of everything. I have gone out as often as possible with the Bible women, and have visited as regularly as I could our Christian women and those whom I knew were favourably inclined to Christianity. I have also gone as often as possible with Miss Norris to her Sunday schools. I have prepared the Sunday school lessons in Romanized Malay, and have taught a class of women regularly in our Malay Sunday school. This class consists of the Christian women of the Malay church. These women, of whom there are about eight, have been a constant source of help and encouragement to me this year. Their simple faith in God and their willingness to help in the work has endeared them to my heart. They met in our home to consult about plans by which they might be able to help our pastor, Bro. Luering, buy the Malay Church in which we worship. After praying about the matter each person decided to give a certain amount monthly for a year and also interest friends in the work and collect money outside. Dear Nonya Sin Neo, the first

woman baptized in our Deaconess Home, put aside all her fears and went out to collect money from the Chinese. She has been blessed in her efforts and has collected over fifty dollars. Nonya Sin Neo rarely comes to church or Sunday school alone. She follows the example of the disciples of old and brings others with her. Her prayer to God through the year has been that He would send those who were anxious about their souls' welfare to her in her home, and she would talk to them. Many have sought her and asked her what she thought of Christ and what they themselves ought to do about salvation. She is always thinking about the furtherance of the cause of God.

Through the assistance of our Sunday school class, our collections outside, and friends who are interested, we have been able to give to our pastor three hundred dollars and we have about fifty on hand. The women say, "The Lord has the money somewhere for a Malay Church in Singapore, and daily we will talk to Him about it and He will tell us how to get it."

The hearts of the missionaries were glad when a Chinese woman who has been taught for years by different missionaries decided to be baptised. We hope she will be true to God.

The six children who have been in our home during the first part of the year went to the Deaconess Home in June to be under Mrs. Buchanan's care.

The new building of the Methodist Girls' School at Short Street and Selegie Road is now completed, and is to be dedicated next week. Exclusive of furnishings, which are yet to be procured, the property has cost us $13,100, of which only $700 remains unpaid. We hope to raise the bulk of this at the dedication service.

We enjoyed Mrs. Cranston's short stay in Singapore very much. Her intense interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society's work, and especially in the work of Col. R. Branch, was a source of encouragement to us. We hope she may visit us again.

To Bro. Luering is due our thanks for his kind assistance in preparing the Malay Sunday school lesson helps during my illness.

The year has been fraught with many blessings and we can heartily say "Praise the Lord."

Emma E. Shellabear.

DEACONESS HOME, GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, AND ORPHANAGE.

Deaconess Home.—There have been three workers in the home this year in association with me, Miss Lilly, Miss Hemingway and Miss Goonatilika, each one having her different work and difficulties to overcome. Would that the number of workers was doubled or trebled!

Girls' Boarding School.—There were but four girls under my care the first part of the year. The first of August the Girls' Boarding School was moved from Mrs. Shellabear's place to join the girls living with me. The following day two more girls came to the school,

making in all twelve who have lived in the school during the year. These are supported by their parents and eat at the Deaconess table. The different nationalities are English, Irish and Eurasian.

Orphanage.—There have been sixty-one girls and women in the Home this year. One mother and one grand-mother also lived in the Home for some time. The girls who wear the European dress sleep in the same dormitory with the Boarding School girls. The health of the children has been excellent this year, notwithstanding the fact that most of the children have had chicken-pox, some have had malaria, and now the mumps is prevalent. The different nationalities represented are Chinese, Tamil, Malay, Dyak, Siamese, Bengali and Eurasian.

Two girls were given to us this year by the Chinese Protectorate. One of the girls who was secured the year before ran away. Then, to protect the older one of the two given this year, I asked the Protector to take her back to the Refuge for fear she also would run away. To this he assented and sent for her the same day. The one, Gulami, a Bengali girl of ten years, is still in the Home. She is very bright and speaks Cantonese and Malay. She is not very strong, but is a promising child.

There has been but one marriage in the Home this year. Lee Eng Neo was married in October. The first of June an uncle came to take her from the Home to marry her to a heathen man. This I could not allow as the parents were both dead. After this she was not satisfied to go to school, but wanted to get married, although we (her pastor, myself and others) convinced her of the danger in becoming the wife of a heathen man. She had a very bad hare-lip, and I took her to the hospital, where an operation was performed which very much improved her looks. This expense did not fall on the Home. Soon a Christian man from Muar asked for a wife, and Eng Neo was promised to him. The arrangements were made; they were married and went to Muar to live. She lives four miles from Tiam Neo, who was married last year. The girls both seem very happy.

Kim Neo's father wanted to marry her to a heathen man. She at first was afraid of her father's anger, as he had threatened to kill her if she became a Christian. I read some of the promises to her, called her attention to the Ten Commandments which all the girls had learned a few weeks before, and prayed with her. Our Matron and her husband talked with her. When the father came the second time she told him she did not want to get married neither did she want to go home, but she wanted to be a Christian. She said "if my father wants to kill me, he can kill." I told her she would always live with Jesus then, if she now decided to be a Christian. She was baptized the next Sunday and is happy trying to live for Jesus.

Chinachy, a Tamil girl, has been under the guardianship of her aunt "who has not been kind to her." About two months ago the

aunt wanted to marry her to a man of poor reputation, and she refused to go home because she wanted a better education and did not want to get married. She came to me with tears in her eyes and asked "must I go home?" I said "No; you can live here if you like." She went downstairs smiling, and is happy in the Home.

In August while I was in Johore for two weeks of rest, a Christian Tamil man brought a baby about one month old to the Home. The mother had died and he had no one to care for the child. Miss Lilly adopted the child for the Home and had her christened Magdalena, her mother's name. She is a bright, happy, hearty child whom the children love very much.

In December, Eliza, a Tamil girl of seventeen years, was brought to the home. The father had died and four days later the mother died, leaving Eliza and her little brother in a strange city. A cousin is supporting her how and has the brother in his own home in Kuala Lumpur. She chose to live in the Home in Singapore rather than to go back to Ceylon.

In October, four little Tamil girls, aged five, six, seven and eight were brought to the home by their father, a Madras barber, and entered under a fifteen-year contract for each. These contracts provide for the removal of the child subject to the payment of the expenses incurred. The father after a few months took out the eldest and youngest to live with an older daughter. The two left are quite happy. The father now wants to bring the other two back, as they are dissatisfied and cry to return.

The year has not been without its blessings, for two of the girls came of their own accord and asked if they might unite with the church. The following Sunday there were three instead of two joined the church on probation.

Christmas eve the girls hung up their stockings. The next morning they found an orange, some nuts and sweets in each, and so spent quite a happy Christmas. Miss Lilly's Christmas box was delayed on the way and did not reach the Home until the first of February. However the children enjoyed the dolls much the same as if it had been Christmas.

Only last month the new house for the native girls was finished. All the expenses for completing the building had been arranged for by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. But other expenses always accumulate, and the year has been one continued struggle to "make both ends meet." First the municipality compelled the construction of a very long drain; next there had to be secured the bath-tank, iron piping and a pump to bring water from the old tank, then tables for the new dining room, and the new study. Looking back over the year I hardly see how it was done. I am sorry that ill-health compels me to give up the place before Miss Blackmore could return, but I have faith that the Lord will provide.

Emily Early Buchanan.

English and Tamil Work.

Five years of work among the English-speaking people of Singapore has shown me the importance of this branch of our mission work. My visiting the past year has been more extensive, and much of it has been a great pleasure and blessing to me. One lady of high standing told me she had come to feel during this year, as never before, the importance of letting *all* her influence tell on the side of Christ, especially in the matter of temperance. Another lady on leaving Singapore came to me, and said the help and comfort she had received from our visiting and advice would never be forgotten, but she would always look back upon it as a bright spot in an otherwise very sad and trying year. I have felt more and more the need of a helper, as there are so many English-speaking people who are not visited by any Christian worker.

With the visiting in connection with our church people, I have found it almost impossible to take up any very successful work among these neglected ones. Mrs. Dent and I have, however, done some little visiting, and I am so thankful that through the generosity of a friend at home, Mrs. Dent has been given her 'rikishaw hire, and has already begun systematic visiting. She reports the work very interesting; the people receive her gladly, and we hope much good will be accomplished in this way. One lady I found almost heart-broken at news of the death of her mother in England. I visited her very often for months, and tried to help her see that it was all for the best and that her dear mother had only gone on before. She has left it all in God's hands, and now, instead of being sorrowful she is bright, happy and trustful.

Hospital Work.—I have visited the General, Maternity and Leper Hospitals during the year as I have had opportunity. I have found many chances of speaking to the people about their souls' salvation, and of telling them of Jesus, the Great Physician. I have carried flowers to the General Hospital and always find they open the way for me, as all like flowers, especially roses. One English girl who was very ill for a long time wept as she buried her face in a bunch of roses, and said "How kind you are; these are the first roses I have seen since I left England two years ago." Another poor Australian girl who was from a brothel was very much touched by the sight of the roses, and said "They make me think of home and my dear mother." I visited her often and she said at last, "I will never go back to my old life." She has returned to Australia. We have had several very interesting cases whom we have visited of which we cannot take time to tell.

Leper Work.—This work I have become more interested in, and feel that our time spent there is blessed in a special manner. The people are so eager to see us and listen to what we have to say, and join in the gospel songs gladly. Once when I was too ill to go for several weeks, and others went and told them I was ill, they seemed

to feel very badly; and when I did go again, they said, they were so glad I was well; they had been praying God every day that He would make me better so I could come again to them, and they expected me to come, as they felt God would answer their prayers. There are many touching incidents which come up in connection with this work. The little Eurasian girl, Mary, who interested me much, seemed changed. At first her face looked hard and rebellious when I tried to talk to her and help her; she was not glad to see me, or talk with me. One day she was not there, and the other women said she was naughty and ran away. No one knows anything of her, but she is one of God's little ones and I believe He will watch over her, and she may some day be brought back to Him, for I feel sure she did learn the way of life when she was there. Several of the women have died and some new ones have come in.

Tamil Work.—I have visited with the Bible woman occasionally, and find she is well received. She has visited about thirty homes a month during the year. Here we have a difficulty which we do not find among English-speaking women, the women being confined to their homes in many cases. But they are glad to know we are interested in them, and some are willing to learn to read, so they may read the gospel for themselves. Mrs. Dent has been very helpful to me in this branch of my work, as she is familiar with the Tamil language. She visits often with the Bible woman and says of the work, "I have visited the homes and have always found a welcome there. The women are pleased to listen to the Bible stories and often ask questions. A good many of them, I know, are more and more convinced that the gods they worship are nothing more than wood and stone. They would come out on the Lord's side but for fear of their people."

This, like most other native work, can only be successful by patient teaching and earnest prayer. We expect that time will bring forth fruit, we hope a hundred fold.

Gusta M. Morgan.

School Work of Teluk Ayer.

The school work of Teluk Ayer was assigned to me at the last conference. When I took it up there were six homes having private teachers. One of these has closed during the year. There were only two girls who were learning in this home. The older has become engaged and can no longer spare the time for a regular teacher, but our Bible woman visits and teaches her weekly in Romanised Malay. The younger girl entered our day school, so neither of the girls were dropped entirely, though the school ceased to exist. Six new homes have taken teachers, one of which ran for only a short time. So this branch of the work has enlarged, the close of the year finding ten homes with private teachers and sixty-two pupils learning. I have endeavoured to visit these homes once in two weeks and examine each pupil

carefully to see that they were making proper progress in their studies, and I have endeavoured to have the Sunday-school lessons taught each week by the teachers.

The work as a whole has been very encouraging, but perhaps the day school has shown the greatest results. A new school for Chinese girls has been opened, but in spite of this fact we have had a larger enrollment and a higher average attendance than the previous year.

In July, application was made to have the school placed under the government code. Permission was granted, and in November seven girls were presented for examination in the first standard, all of whom passed; and at the close of the last term we had our first prize distribution. We have been ranked as a second-class school and received our first grant-in-aid of $124. Since inspection I have been teaching the second standard and part of the first, taking leave of my classes to see after the other schools as often as the work demands. The parents seem to be much pleased with the school and the advancements that have been made, and often speak very encouraging words. One mother told me that she wanted her daughter to stay in the school until she was fifteen years old, then she could finish the fifth standard. One mother who had taken her girl out now wants to put her back again into the school because of the good reports that have come to her ears. Bible lessons are taught weekly. If for any reason the lesson is postponed to a later hour, the children enquire of their teacher when they are to have the Bible story. The teachers have done hard and faithful work during the year, and to them is due much credit the success.

When Miss Blackmore went away I took over her two street Sunday-schools and have added three other places. But this work has not been carried on as regularly as it ought. Lack of proficiency in the language makes me dependent on a helper who can and is willing to do the talking, but I have found it very hard to get any one who can attend regularly. We have done the best possible under the circumstances. One Sunday a man wanted to know the Way. Another day a Chinese woman wanted us to come to her house and talk; she wanted to become a Christian. One little face that we used to see every Sunday we see no more. The voice which used to help us sing is silent. The Shepherd has taken His lamb home.

Beside the schools I have several homes where I have visited—at first with another worker, but now alone; average, about thirty homes a month.

Though no great results have been accomplished, yet God has been in the work and has added his blessing. May the coming year be a season when the gospel seed shall be more carefully sown and many dear women and children be brought into the kingdom.

Edith Anna Hemingway.

Chinese and Malay Work.

My work during the past year has been an attempt to take the gospel to the homes of our school boys. In some measure I have come to realize the great opportunities which our schools have placed before us, and I have been trying to do something towards entering these open doors. Most of these homes have never before been touched by the missionary, and I have been surprised to see the willingness and even eagerness on the part of some to listen to the simple story of love and sacrifice.

I have been able to get a few of the *nonyas* (women) to attend our church services, but for the most part have had to be content to teach them in their homes. An effort has been made to have them visit me in my home, rather than that I should go to them, with a view of forming them into classes; this has been accomplished in part only.

On going to visit one of our boys one day, I found his mother apparently dying. In former years she had been visited by our missionaries, and now as she soon expected to leave this world, she was longing to know Him of whom she had heard. She soon learned to trust her heavenly Father and, with her little son, was baptized. God has seen fit to spare her life for His service. The other day her unconverted son said, "I don't understand. Before my mother was baptized she was always sad, but now she is always smiling and happy." Truly a living witness of the power of God to change the human heart.

Not long since a young man came to Mr. Denyes in great distress. He had given his heart to God and he wanted to be baptized. But his mother was strongly opposed and what was he to do? With him, I went to his home. What wonder the mother objected. Secluded from the world, as she had been, for thirty-five years, how could she understand the step he was about to take? It was not long before she gave way, and he was allowed to come out and take open stand for Christ.

These hundreds of boys and girls in our schools are learning of the better life, but before we can hope for them to grow into stalwart Christian men and women, their homes, too, must be reached.

In order to gather the boys of the homes where I visited into the Church, I started a class in the Malay Sunday school. The accommodations for this class being inadequate, I am raising the needed amount to build a class-room. I now have $268.00 of the required amount, with some promises for more.

My Friday afternoon Bible class in the Day School has been held weekly, throughout the year, with very few exceptions. The average attendance has been about sixty.

Our living in the Boarding School has given us exceptional privileges, but my visitation work, together with the care of our little

one, has prove so much that many of these privileges were necessarily neglected.

Through my work as matron of the Boarding School, three months ago I was enabled financially to secure Mrs. Jones to help me in visiting. The people love her dearly and she has been a great blessing to the work.

Mrs. Jones says, "The first of December I joined in the evangelistic work of the schools. During this time fifty-three homes have been visited regularly. Six women and one little girl are learning to read; four of these are able (with my help) to read the Bible stories and sing hymns. One of them is an Indian woman. She has five children, two of whom are attending the Day School. She is ready to be baptized and will be as soon as she can gather up courage.

I am glad to be able to witness that Christian endeavour and instruction are having their influence on our school boys. Many mothers have complained to me of their sons' apparent disobedience in refusing to handle the joss sticks and to worship idols and spirits, which means great dishonour to their ancestors.

We ought to thank the Almighty for His loving kindness in guiding these young boys even in their heathen homes, also for the assurance that idolatry and superstition are losing their influence over the boys of our school."

More than ever am I persuaded that if Malaysia is to be won for Christ, it must be won through the women.

Mary J. O. Denyes.

Methodist Girls' School.

The school has been in very much the same condition as the previous year, with almost exactly the same attendance and a little better results in the government examinations. We presented sixty girls in six standards, seven more than ever before. In working up towards the new code we have laboured unusually hard, and though results seem about the same we feel confident that the real value of the work done has been greatly increased. Through the year we have had half of the school in hired rooms. Now the new building is just completed and we confidently expect better attendance and better discipline when not so crowded.

We need new furniture for the building, a wall to enclose the grounds, and a new tiffin shed. For these necessities we must wait a while. The fees are being raised as we enter the new building, which is so commodious and convenient that it no longer seems we are but a poor mission school. Of course there will always be some who cannot pay fees, but there are others who prize education and other things by what they cost.

As in former years we have kept up our regular Friday Sunday school at which all in attendance that day are present. The average has been somewhat smaller than the average daily attendance about

125. Occasionally during the year I have called for a show of hands of those who are trying to be Christians and the vote is encouraging. Though some have but a poor ideal of what it means, yet it shows a desire to follow the light which they have.

A kind-hearted gentleman has offered a prize of $5 for Scripture knowledge combined with good conduct, during the current year. I have not done so much visiting in hunting up absent pupils as formerly, probably because the habit of regular attendance is growing, and partly because those who never did come regularly have been dropped from the roll.

Aside from my school the only other work I have attempted has been the street Sabbath schools, of which there are four, one or more of which we have held *every* week, the rain having prevented some of them a very few times. I went with Mrs. Pierce the first half of the year. Her prolonged absence in Sarawak led me to secure Mr. James Supramaniam as my helper. His ready use of both Malay and Tamil, his quick, pleasant repartee to meet foolish objections, his adaptability to his hearers and the readiness with which he seizes street incidents as illustrations, all mark him as a youth of unusual promise, yet humble but not servile. Really the whole work has been done by him while I went along and listened and tried to keep the street children as quiet as possible, so that they might not lose the lessons so kindly taught.

Our street Sunday schools have averaged a little less than last year, about 130. During the year we have given up two stations where the people had become listless and found new places. One of the places left for a time was adjoining a Tamil school, where the children were very eager to hear us and the teacher enforced perfect silence for several weeks. But he evidently became afraid of our doctrine, for he dismissed his school long before we arrived, or else kept them in till later so they were continually disappointed. We went to another lane, hoping to return some more propitious time.

May B. Lilly.

Malay Work.

My work has been somewhat similar to that of last year. Aside from my Sunday school work, I have visited the women in connection with my husband's charge, and have assisted in the work of the Malay Junior League.

In the Sunday School we have followed the plan of the International Bible Lessons, but all the girls of my class have also learned the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed in Malay. I have experienced much joy in the teaching of so intelligent a class of girls, and am convinced that under suitable teaching and careful training, they will grow to be useful members of the church.

The visiting work among the women of the congregation and others we have found to be of great importance, and I feel sorry that

during my husband's protracted illness this work could not be prosecuted with greater regularity; but so far as I have been able to enter into this work, I have enjoyed the opportunity of meeting our church members in their houses and of receiving their visits in my home. The conversation is usually centred in a Bible story, which the women are eager to hear.

The work of the Junior League, though interrupted during the last three months, is a particular pet-child of ours, and we have good reason to believe that the Lord has used it to bless many youthful hearts. The children, mostly girls, are anxious that the meetings of the League be re-opened at the very earliest opportunity.

Violet M. Luering.

MANILA.

By appointment from Bishop Thoburn we took up work here a year ago. During the year we have received 75 Americans and 150 Filipinos who have voluntarily declared their desire to worship with us. We have four services in English every week and four in Spanish. We have received by subscription and collections over $1,500 (Mex.) of which we have about $500 on hand. There is an American teacher and Filipino preacher supported locally. A more encouraging field of labour could not easily be found. We have waited patiently for reinforcements and are glad they are at last on their way. Pray for and expect great things in the Phillipine Islands during the coming year.

Mrs. Prautch,

Reports of Committees.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education reports two schools in Penang—one Anglo-Chinese and one Tamil vernacular. A boarding school is connected with each. The attendance this year has kept just about the same as the previous year. The Girls' School at Ipoh has suffered by the removal of several scholars. The government examinations were satisfactory. At Thaiping and Kuala Lumpur the government has handed over to the Methodist Mission the Girls' School with the property. At Thaiping Mrs. Curtis has had charge of the school and has had very satisfactory results. At Kuala Lumpur Dr. Kensett has been acting as school mistress since the taking over of the school in October. We are glad to report that Mrs. Meek has arrived for this school.

In Singapore there are two schools, a boarding school connected with the Methodist Girls' School, and eleven homes having teachers. The attendance has been about the same. We are glad to report that the new building for the Methodist Girls' School has been completed.

The Teluk Ayer Girls' School has been placed under the government code this year and had its first examination. We are still looking forward to the time when this school shall have a suitable building.

We are truly thankful to God for his blessings the past year, and feel that the work for the coming year will be a season of ever richer blessings.

Edith Anna Hemingway, Emma E. Shellabear, May B. Lilly.

Sunday Schools.

(1) Your committee is glad to report progress in Sunday school work during the past year. Not only have the number of schools throughout the Mission been increased, but the spirit is deeper, and better qualified teachers and helpers are making the schools count more for the salvation of souls.

(2) We believe that success in our Sunday school work has been greatly augmented by the Scripture text pictures, Leaf Clusters and Christian literature so generously furnished by the friends in America.

(3) We would urge the Sunday school workers of the various stations to organize Sunday school unions for the purpose of unifying the Sunday school work, for the development of new teachers, for the holding of Sunday school rallies, entertainments, etc., and for instituting a thorough canvass of the cities for Sunday school children.

Mary J. O Denyes, G. M. Morgan,
Clara Martin, Violet M. Luering.

Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions respectfully submits the following report:

Resolved,—(1) That we express our heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Thoburn in this her hour of suffering, and pray that the time may speedily come when she can again return to her field of labor.

(2) That we extend to Brother and Sister Lee our earnest sympathy and prayers in this time of affliction.

(3) That we acknowledge with gratitude the Government Building Grant of $3,000 towards the Methodist Girls' School of Singapore. And also we rejoice in the confidence shown towards our Mission in the transfer to us of schools and property by the Government of the Federated Malay States and Selangor.

(4) That while our work has been greatly strengthened by the arrival of Mrs. Meek among us, we feel deeply the need of three additional workers: one for Kuala Lumpur, one for Penang, and one for Singapore.

(5) That we recognize the providential openings in the Philippines, and we note with pleasure the promptness of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in taking up the work in that field.

(6) That we thank the "Friend" in America whose gift gives us the services of Mrs. Dent in Bible work.

(7) That we express our appreciation of the presence and helpfulness of Rev. F. W. Warne, of Calcutta.

(8) That we express our hearty thanks to Messrs. Lermit and Westerhout for their kindness in giving their professional services free of charge in making the plans and supervising the erection of the new building for native girls in the grounds of the Deaconess Home.

Mary J. O. Denyes, Dolores S. Jones,
Clara Martin, A. Dent, Emma E. Shellabear.

Resolved, that the visiting members of conference express their sincere thanks to the missionaries and friends of Singapore for their kind hospitality.

Signed, *Clara Martin, Mary Clayland Meek.*

Rescue Work.

We are glad to report that brothels have been closed, and laws enacted the past year, for the better protection of women and girls in the Straits Settlements. In our work of investigation, we have found the officials most courteous and ready in every instance to give information, and to assist us in every way.

We would recommend that the committee be continued and that definite steps be taken to establish a Rescue Home, either in Singapore or Penang, for the Straits Settlements, and that contributions be solicited in all our stations towards a fund for that purpose. Also that we appeal to the World's W. C. T. U. to assist us in our undertaking, and to send us a lady to have charge of the Home when established.

We are glad to record that in Penang several women have already been rescued, and are in temporary homes awaiting the establishment of a more convenient place.

Gusta M. Morgan, Clara Martin, Emma E. Shellabear.

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